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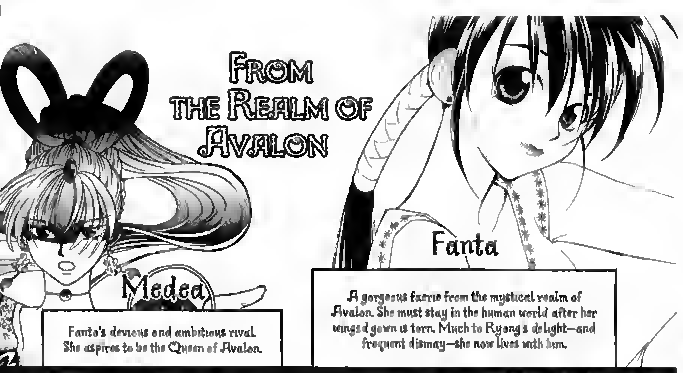
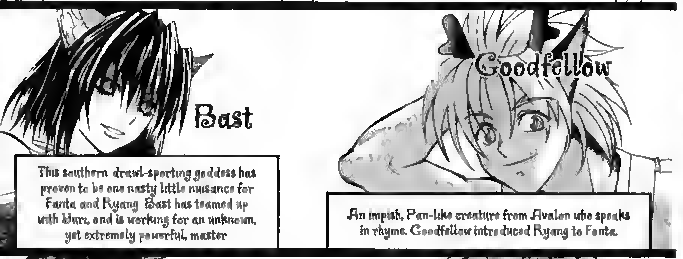
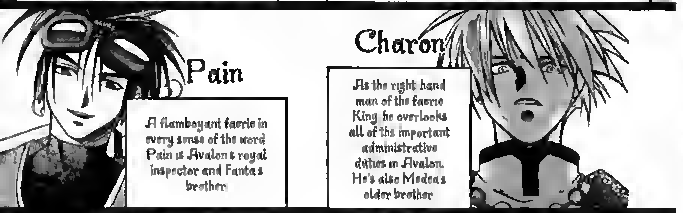
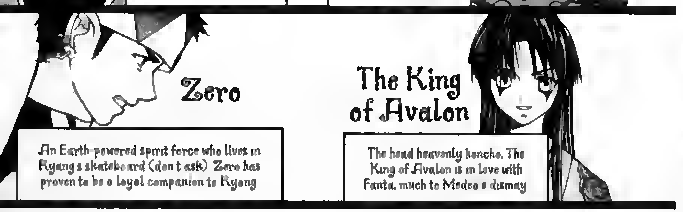
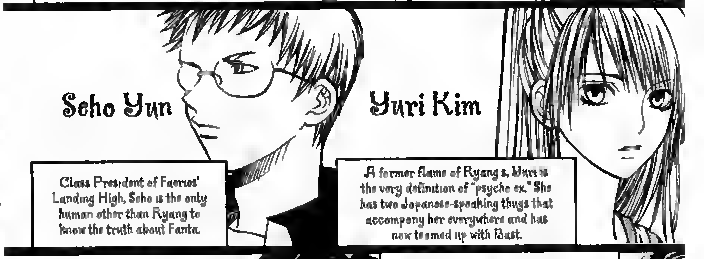

From the Realm of Avalon
Fanta
A gorgeous faerie from the mystical realm of Avalon. She must stay in the human world after her winged gown is torn. Much to Ryang's delight—and frequent dismay—she now lives with him.
Medea
Fanta's demonic and ambitious rival. She aspires to be the Queen of Avalon.


Goodfellow
An impish, Pan-like creature from Avalon who speaks in rhyme. Goodfellow introduced Ryang to Fanta.
Bast
This southern drawl-sporting goddess has proven to be one nasty little nuisance for Fanta and Ryang. Bast has teamed up with Hwe, and is working for an unknown, yet extremely powerful, master

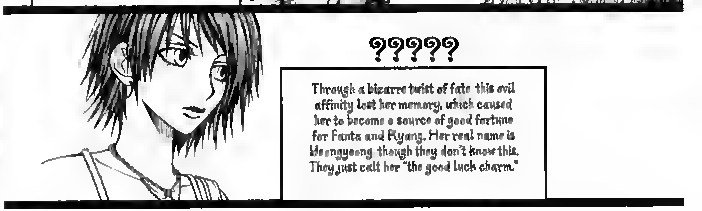

Charon
As the right hand man of the faerie King, he overlooks all of the important administrative duties in Avalon. He's also Medea's older brother
Pain
A flamboyant faerie in every sense of the word. Pain is Avalon's royal inspector and Fanta's brother


The King of Avalon
The head heavenly honcho. The King of Avalon is in love with Fanta, much to Medea's dismay
Zero
An Earth-powered spirit force who lives in Ryang's skateboard (don't ask). Zero has proven to be a loyal companion to Ryang

From the Realm of Man
Ryang Jegal
One hapless bandanna-wearing protagonist. He's harboring Fanta, a fetching faerie grounded on Earth. Due to a magical curse, Ryang must suffer through 108 doomed relationships. This guy's gonna have major girl troubles!
Mungyeong Seong
Ryang's buddy Beg is the sucker for pretty girls.


Seho Yun
Class President of Faeries' Landing High, Seho is the only human other than Ryang to know the truth about Fanta.
Yuri Kim
A former flame of Ryang's, Yuri is the very definition of "psycho ex." She has two Japanese-speaking thugs that accompany her everywhere and has now teamed up with Bast.

Ms. Yun
Ms. Yun is Ryang and Fanta's homeroom teacher. She's extremely wealthy and mega-hot, but for some reason, she thinks her classroom's a boot camp.
Hun Jegal and Taeyeong
Hun is Ryang's older brother, and Taeyeong is Hun's lovely wife. Ryang currently lives with them.

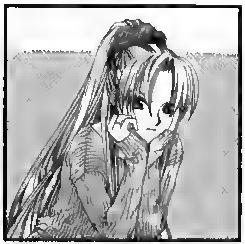

?????
Through a bizarre twist of fate, this evil affinity lost her memory, which caused her to become a source of good fortune for Fanta and Ryang. Her real name is Mungyeong, though they don't know this. They just call her "the good luck charm."

STORY SO FAR...

Meet Ryang, an average everyday high school student. Ryang lives in Faeries' Landing a small suburban town in Korea.

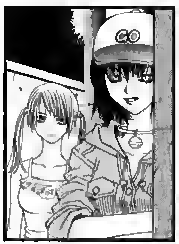
One day Ryang met Fanta, a powerful (and pretty cute) faerie. Fanta wants nothing more than to experience human life and since meeting Ryang she has--as his roommate

Ryang has a problem. After he accidentally confused a faerie serum with eye drops, he found himself cursed. Any girl he looks in the eye becomes a host for an "evil affinity." This is destined to happen 108 times in his life.

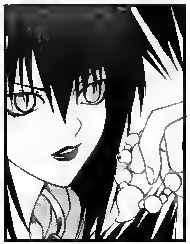


This is Medea, the faerie who put the curse on Ryang. After word of her evildoing got out, she was banished from Avalon and now hatches plots against Fanta from Earth.

As if there weren't already enough faeries trapping around Faeries' Landing, Beat, the Goddess of Cats, recently descended from Avalon.

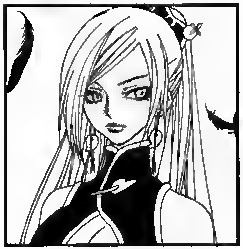


She teamed up with Medea and Yuri, a strange and sadistic girl with an interest in Ryang and a nasty little mean streak.

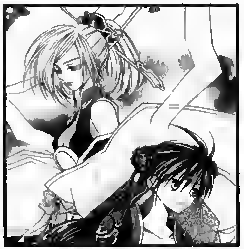


...to grow an evil force within one of Ryang's own affinities capable of destroying Fanta and her allies.

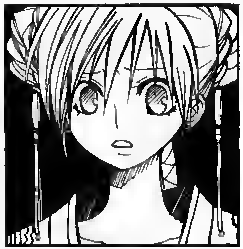
Beat is bad enough on her own, but it turns out that she, like the animal she represents, has a master.



A master who recently revealed herself to be Oreadia--Fanta's mother.



Oreadia and Fanta have a complicated relationship. While Oreadia loves her daughter, Fanta is a living reminder of her indiscretion with a human man.



In her eyes, Fanta is a symbol of her disgrace, which may explain why she's been trying to kill her own daughter. (And you thought YOUR parents were bad!)

Fanta took the news rather hard, and proceeded to become really, really angry. Of course this happened AFTER Oreadia had fled, leaving Fanta to take out her frustration on a helpless cruise liner.

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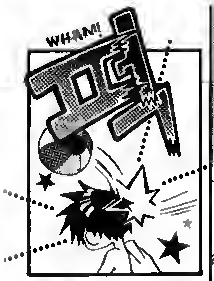
Be a Good Host

RYANG JEGAL HERE! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT WE'RE NOW ENJOYING OUR LAST NIGHT IN SOKCHO.

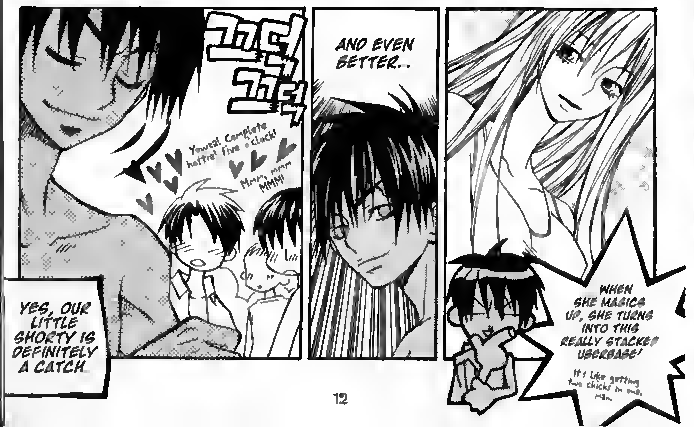

WHAM!
JOG

YOUNG MASTER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE'RE GETTING OUR BEESTERS KICKED!

OKAY
YESTERDAY WAS... WELL, LET'S JUST SAY IT WAS A VERY LONG DAY

FANTA HAD IT THE WORST. SHE FOUND OUT THAT THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO KILL HER IS HER OWN MOM
I'D LIKE TO SEE CP PHIL EXPLAIN THAT ONE

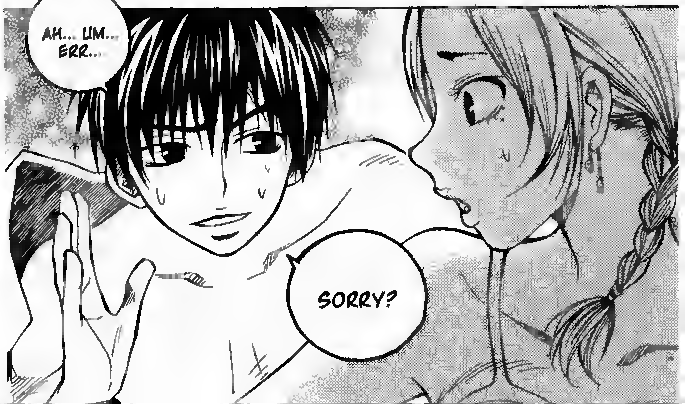
NOT SURPRISINGLY, FANTA'S MOOD HAS BEEN LIKE THE WAVES AROUND HERE UP AND DOWN AND MORE THAN A LITTLE SALTY AT TIMES.
RYANG? IS THAT YOU?

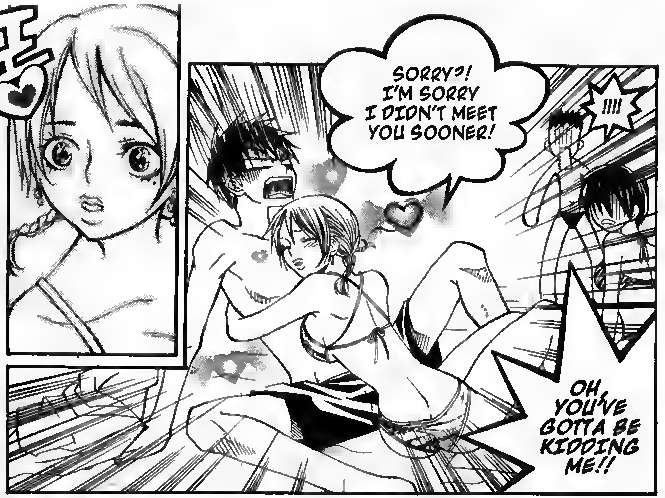

YES, OUR LITTLE SHORTY IS DEFINITELY A CATCH.
AND EVEN BETTER..
WHEN SHE MAGICA UP, SHE TURNS INTO THIS REALLY STACKED UBERBABE!
It's like getting two chicks in one, man...

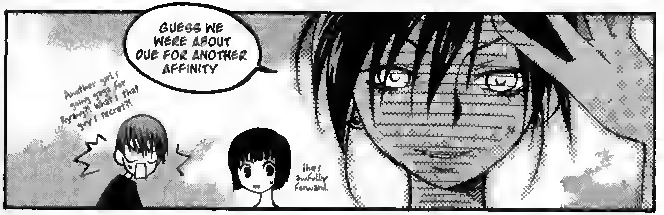
SO YOU'RE STILL IN SOKCHO
YEONG-YEONG?
Aunh, uh... Wha-? Jiwon?
THIS IS YEONGYEONG. THOUGH IT'S UNTIL A DAY AGO, WE KNEW HER ONLY AS "THE GOOD LUCK CHARM." SHE HAS AMNESIA AND THAT AMNESIA MADE HER LUCKY TO US, AT LEAST. I DOUBT SHE SAW IT AS LUCKY

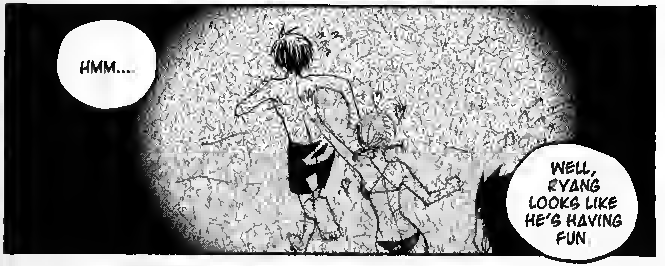
WE'RE GOING BACK HOME TOMORROW. WILL YOU BE STAYING HERE?
YES. WE'LL BE HEADING TO SEOUL ONCE WE'RE DONE FILMING.
YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME FAMOUS, YOU KNOW. AND FORGET ALL ABOUT ME. UH...NO PUN INTENDED.
OF COURSE, I WILL! C'MERE!
YOU JERK. HEH!
I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I'M BACK! GOOD SEEING YOU!
Yeah! Jealous much?
IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING HAS WORKED OUT FOR THE TWO OF THEM. THEY DESERVE IT. SHE DOES, AT LEAST

Still feels guilty.






GUESS WE WERE ABOUT DUE FOR ANOTHER AFFINITY
Another girl's going after Ryang?! Didn't that guy have secrets?!
She's awfully forward.



free Talk

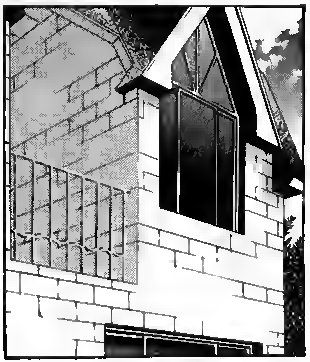
It's been a while since I've written a free Talk column, hasn't it? Things for me lately have been really busy. In fact, I don't really have time to write this column, so bear with me if it's a little haphazard. So in this volume, Ryang's second brother, Kang, makes an appearance. Some of you who have been following the series for a while might think that something's fit strange. Ryang is 17 years old right now, and he should be in 11th grade in volume 3. Kang, Jagal, was working part-time in a nightclub when Ryang was graduating from 9th grade. But when I first wrote the stories in th[illegible] volume, I had indicated that Kang was done with his military service. Arrgh! Who completes their service in less than 2 years and a half? Well, I've since fixed the story so that he's not done but he's out on vacation. There are so many of these mistakes in my comics! That's why when we compile the stories into graphic novels, I not only look over the art, but also the storyline. I don't think I'm about details like the length of Kang's service back when. I first wrote it, but now it's caught up with me. Sorry! From this point on, I'll try to be a bit more careful. Thanks for those of you that sent me letters, and have come out to the book signings!

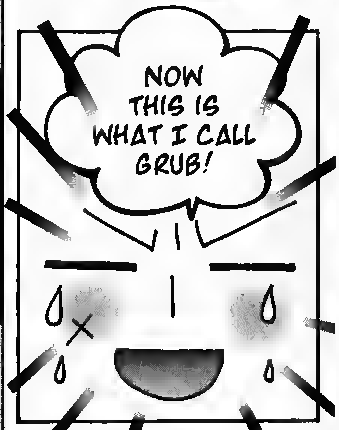
April 27, 2002 — You Ryun

...HOW MANY SPIRIT SEEDS DO YOU HAVE LEFT?
WELL, FOR NOW, JUST ONE.
WHY DO YAH ASK?
THAT LAST ONE...
USE ME AS THE HOST.

WHAT ..?
HAVE YAH LOST YOUR MIND?
AHA HA HA HA!
SURPRISE!
WELL, THAT'S A YES
YOU'RE SO CUTE, BAST!

YOU'RE ALWAYS THE LAST PERSON TO PICK UP ON THESE THINGS, AREN'T YOU?




NOW THIS IS WHAT I CALL GRUB!

HAVE SOME MORE!

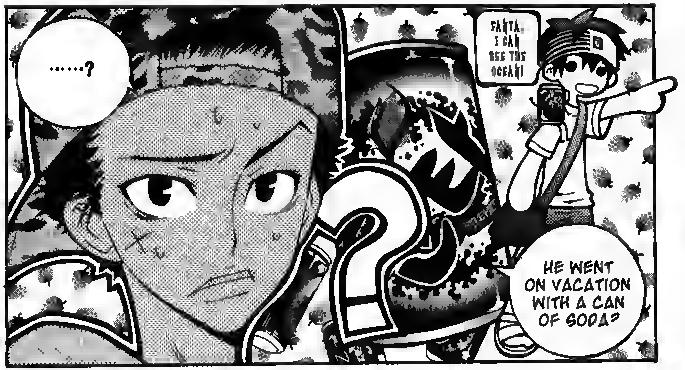
TAEYEONG, I'D FORGOTTEN HOW GOOD OF A COOK YOU WERE!
I HOPE THOSE LOUSY BROTHERS OF MINE APPRECIATE IT!
YOU'RE TOO MUCH, KANG!

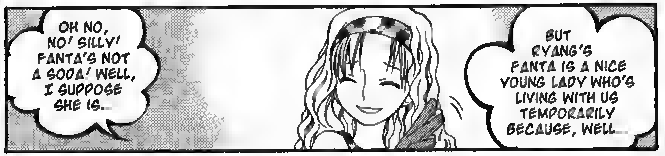
CLANG!

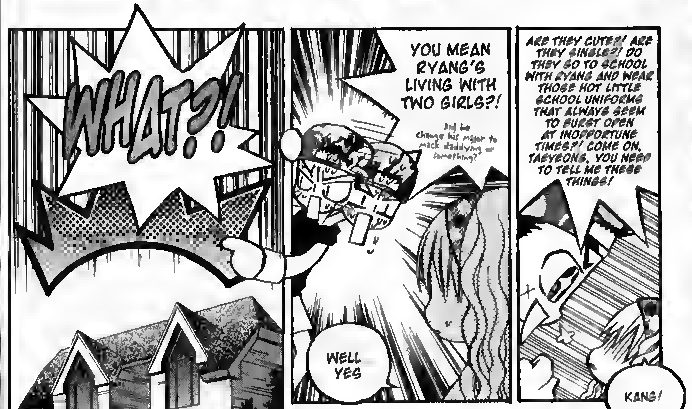
YEAH, TOO MUCH.. TAEYEONG, I KNOW HUN IS AT WORK..

BUT WHERE'S RYANG? DOES THAT BOY STILL GET AROUND LIKE HE USED TO?

OH YES! HE'S IN SOKCHO RIGHT NOW WITH FANTA
HE SHOULD BE BACK TOMORROW




OH NO, NO! SILLY! PANTA'S NOT A SODA! WELL, I SUPPOSE SHE IS...
BUT RYANG'S PANTA IS A NICE YOUNG LADY WHO'S LIVING WITH US TEMPORARILY BECAUSE, WELL...


WHAT?!
YOU MEAN RYANG'S LIVING WITH TWO GIRLS?!
And he chooses his words to mock Kaidoking or something?
WELL YES
ARE THEY CUTE?! ARE THEY SINGLE?! DO THEY GO TO SCHOOL WITH RYANG AND WEAR THOSE HOT LITTLE SCHOOL UNIFORMS THAT ALWAYS SEEM TO RUSH OVER AT INOPPORTUNE TIMES?! COME ON, TAEYEONS, YOU NEED TO TELL ME THESE THINGS!
KANG!

A MONTH AFTER I BEGAN SERVING MY GIRLFRIEND DUMPED ME AND EVER SINCE THEN, IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT GIRLIE MAGAZINES AND KINKY PURPLE MANGA
SIGH... I'VE GROWN SO TIRED OF CATGIRLS
BUT THOSE DAYS ARE PAST AND WHILE I MAY ONLY BE HERE FOR A FEW WEEKS, I WILL FIND A GIRLFRIEND AND SHE WILL HAVE A TIGHT LITTLE BUTT
AND I'M SURE WILLING TO DIE FOR MY COUNTRY JUST LIKE A KITTEN JUST IN CASE I GET SOME NOSTALGIC...
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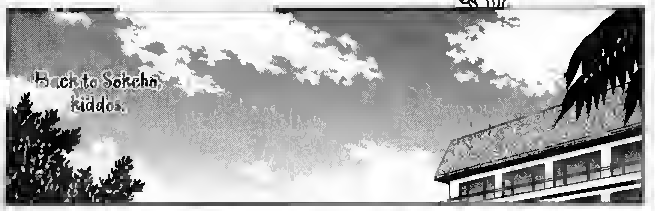
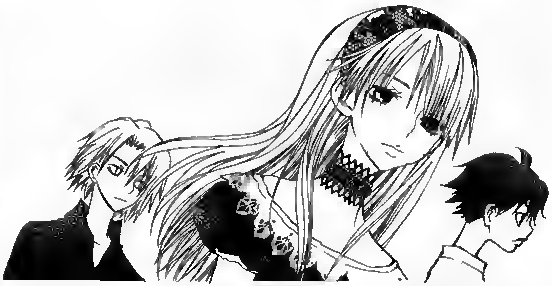
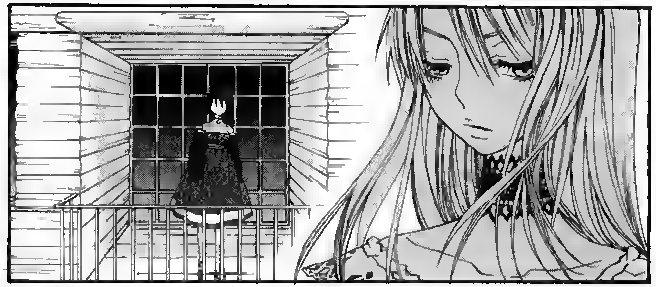
NOTE: The children in the above panel are singing the Korean national anthem.

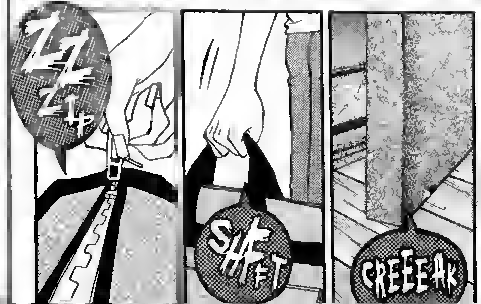


THAT'S 17 STRAIGHT, RYANG!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THAT BRINGS OUR GRAND TOTAL UP TO 74!
THESE ARE KILL MARKS
KILL MARKS?! ARE YOU CRAZY?! THIS STUFF ISN'T PERMANENT, IS IT?!
OF COURSE YOU WOULDN'T WANT IT TO BE ERASED
UNBELIEV-ABLE
SHEET!
Touchy, touchy
HEY, FANTA.
YOU SAID YOU NEEDED A FAVOR FROM ME
OH... THAT. LISTEN..
LISTEN?! THAT'S THE FAVOR? YOU WANT ME TO LISTEN?
FINE! I'LL DO IT! NOT MUCH OF A FAVOR, REALLY, BUT WHAT THE HELL
WASN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TELL ME?
TOUCH
OW! OW! OW! YEESH! WHO'S THE TOUCHY ONE NOW?! LOOK, YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY HELPING YOUR CAUSE HERE!
JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU'D LIKE ME TO DO WITH ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GONNA SAY NO
O-OKAY
UM. YOUR BODY, YOUNG MASTER
YES?

I WANT IT.
I WANT IT TO, UH, TEST OUT A SPELL.



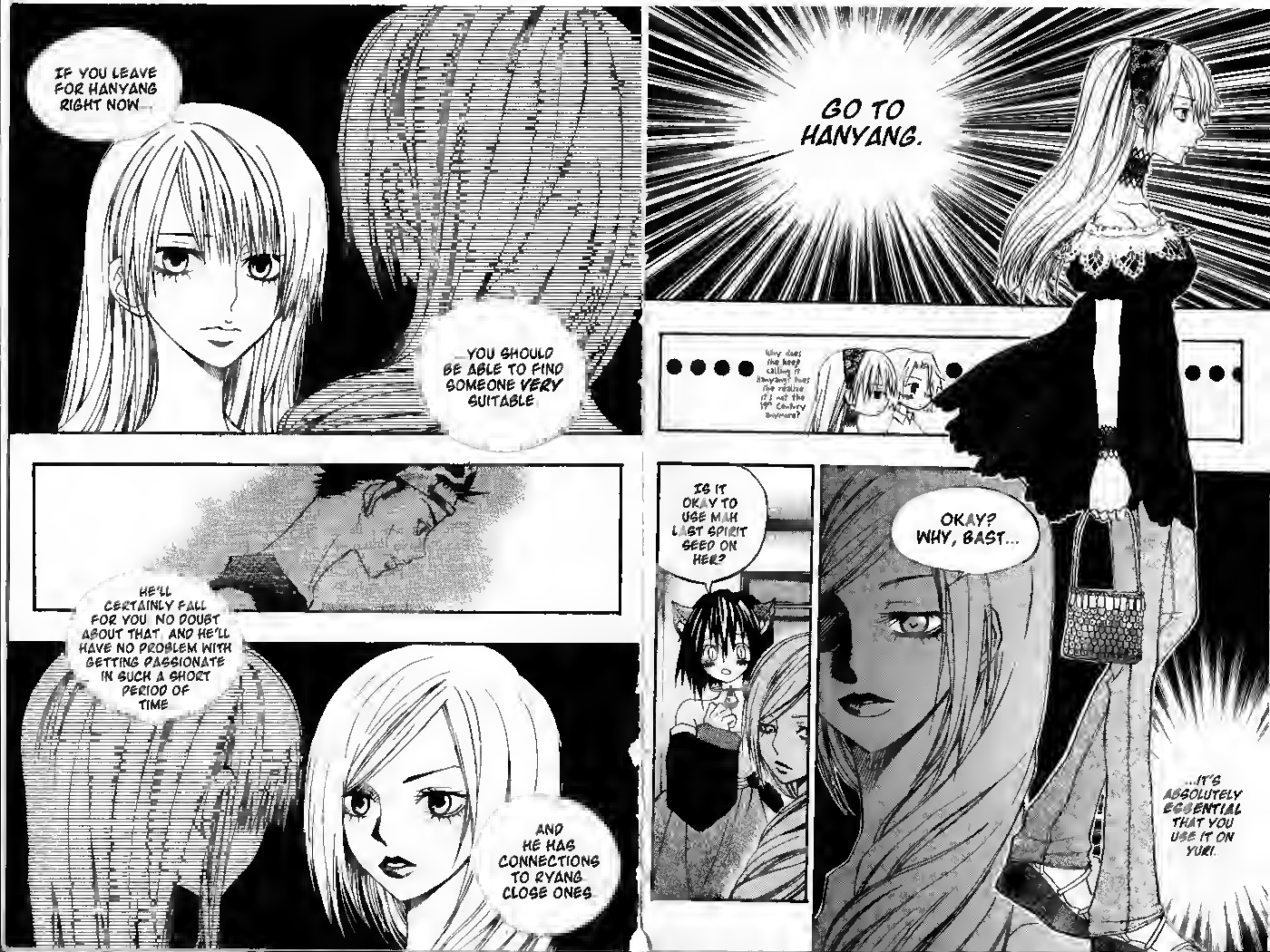



SHEFT
CREEEAK

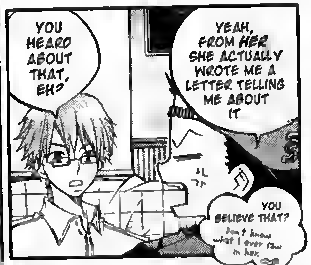
사락...

ARE YAH SURE YAH WANT TA DO THIS?
AN EVIL FORCE NEEDS A LOT OF ENERGY TA REVIVE

I'M NOT SURE THAT YAH CAN HANDLE IT
NOT AS A HUMAN, AT ANY RATE
You'd probably get your life force sucked out and wind up lookin like Darth Vader without his mask.
NAH, IF YAH WANT TA BE A HOST, YOU'LL FIRST NEED TA BECOME ONE OF KYANG'S EVIL AFFINITIES
THAT WAY, YOU'LL HAVE SOME WORTH AS AN ENERGY SOURCE
DO YAH HAVE SOMEONE THAT LIKES YAH?
NAH, IT CAN'T BE THEM AH'M NOT TALKIN' ABOUT LOYALTY HERE AH'M TALKING ABOUT TRUE LOVE, ALMOST TA THE POINT OF BEING OBSESSIVE
I'VE BEEN FOCUSING ON KYANG FOR SO LONG, MOST OTHER GUYS DON'T EVEN KNOW I EXIST
BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO CHANGE THAT
NOTE Hanyang is the old name for the city of Seoul.
PSYCHO STALKER CHICK? THEY'LL BE LINING RIGHT UP
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME ONCE KYANG HITS EVIL AFFINITY NUMBAH 108, THE CURSE WILL BE LIFTED HE'S GETTING CLOSE, SO WE MUST ACT QUICKLY
GO TO HANYANG IMMEDIATELY
?!
MASTUH !!!
SORRY, BUT I COULDN'T HELP OVER-HEARING AND I THINK I CAN HELP
Master!


IF YOU LEAVE FOR HANYANG RIGHT NOW...
...YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE VERY SUITABLE.
GO TO HANYANG.
Why does the boss calling it Hanyang? Does he realize it's not the 19th Century anymore?
HE'LL CERTAINLY FALL FOR YOU. NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. AND HE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH GETTING PASSIONATE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
AND HE HAS CONNECTIONS TO RYANG CLOSE ONES.
IS IT OKAY TO USE MAH LAST SPIRIT SEED ON HER?
OKAY? WHY, BAST...
...IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT YOU USE IT ON YUKI.

SO I HEAR JINYEONG HAS A NEW MAN


YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT, EH?
YEAH, FROM HER SHE ACTUALLY WROTE ME A LETTER TELLING ME ABOUT IT
YOU BELIEVE THAT?
Don't know what I ever saw in her.

SO YOU'RE NOT BITTER?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! SHE WASN'T EVEN MY TYPE! I SWEAR I THOUGHT SHE WAS TRYING TO BECOME A MIME WITH ALL THAT MAKEUP SHE WORE

I DON'T KNOW WHO THE FOOL GAP IS, BUT I WISH HIM LUCK. I GUESS THAT'S HOW YOU CAN SUM UP HOW I FEEL.

STOP IT.
SPEAKING OF HER LIKE THAT MAKES YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE JEALOUS. MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE BROKE UP WITH YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, MAN? NO NEED TO GET ALL RILED UP

SORRY.
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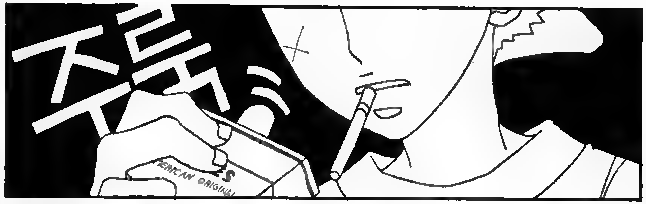
THE "POOR SAP" THAT'S SEEING JINYEONG .. IT'S ME.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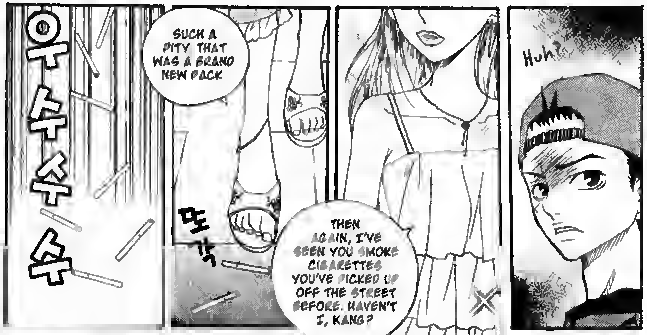
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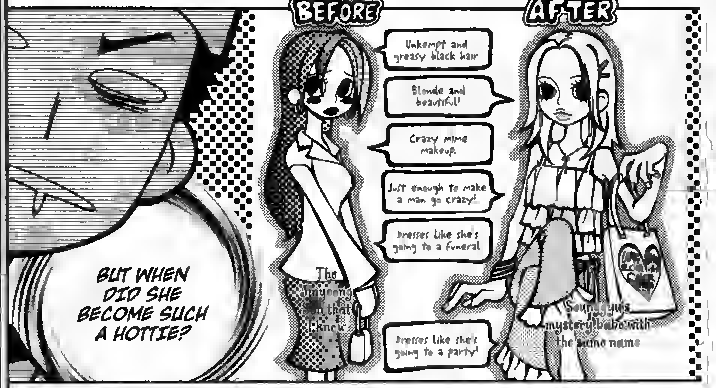
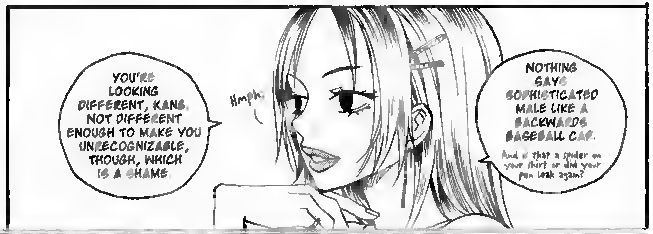
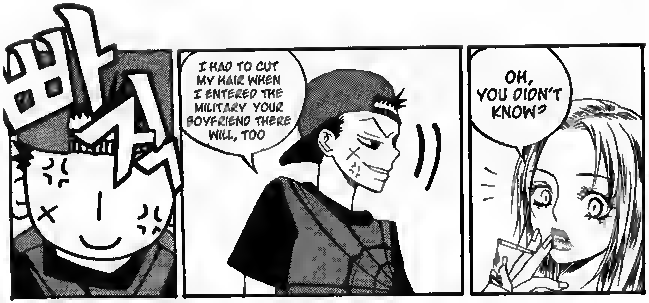
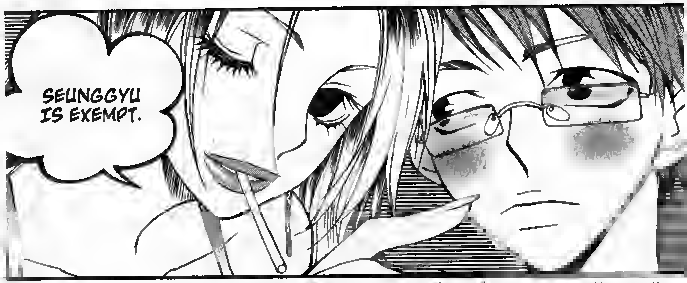
SUCH A PITY THAT WAS A BRAND NEW PACK
THEN AGAIN, I'VE SEEN YOU SMOKE CIGARETTES YOU'VE PICKED UP OFF THE STREET BEFORE. HAVEN'T I, KANG?
Huh?


BUT WHEN DID SHE BECOME SUCH A HOTTIE?
BEFORE
Unkempt and greasy black hair
Blonde and beautiful!
Crazy mime makeup
Just enough to make a man go crazy!
Dresses like she's going to a funeral
Dresses like she's going to a party!
AFTER
Soung-Jun's mysterious alter-ego with the same name


YOU'RE LOOKING DIFFERENT, KANG. NOT DIFFERENT ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU UNRECOGNIZABLE, THOUGH, WHICH IS A SHAME
Hmph!
NOTHING SAYS SOPHISTICATED MALE LIKE A BACKWARDS BASEBALL CAP.
And is that a spider on your shirt or did your pen leak again?





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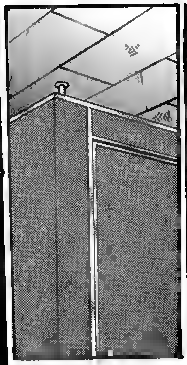
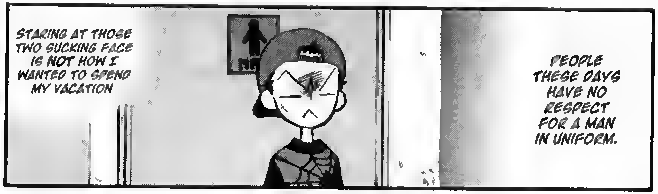


Now the ball is in Hyungsoo's court.
THOSE TWO ARE SMOOCHING IT UP TOGETHER AT HOME WHILE I'M BUSTING MY ASS IN THE ARMY.
GRUMBLE


STARING AT THOSE TWO SUCKING FACE IS NOT HOW I WANTED TO SPEND MY VACATION
PEOPLE THESE DAYS HAVE NO RESPECT FOR A MAN IN UNIFORM.

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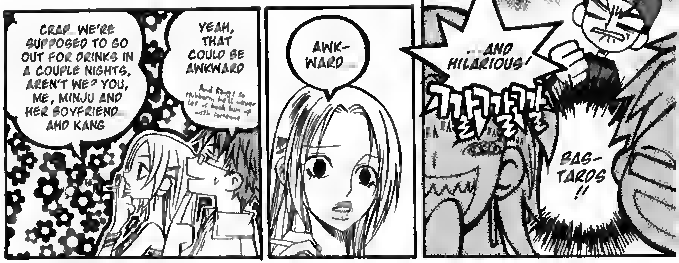
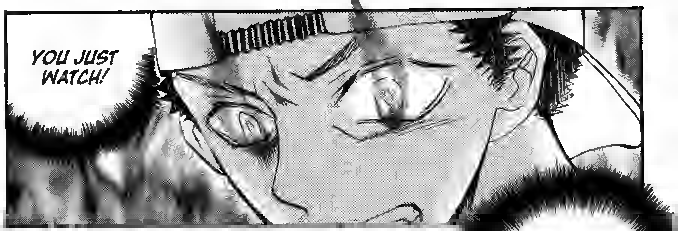
SO IS IT WEIRD SEEING KANG AFTER ALL THIS TIME? DID THE SIGHT OF HIM STIR UP ANY LATENT FEELINGS?
!
YEAH, FEELINGS OF DISGUST WITH MYSELF. I CAN'T BELIEVE I EVER FOUND HIM ATTRACTIVE.
DIS-GUST?!

I WAS SO NAIVE IN HIGH SCHOOL. ALL I KNEW WAS THAT I WANTED TO LOOK GOOD
...AND I THOUGHT COVERING MYSELF IN MAKEUP WAS THE WAY TO DO IT. AND WHEN I MET KANG, IT GOT EVEN WORSE. ALL OF A SUDDEN I HAD HIS EXPECTATIONS TO CONSIDER
I WAS AN IDIOT.


CRAP. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO OUT FOR DRINKS IN A COUPLE NIGHTS, AREN'T WE? YOU, ME, MINJU AND HER BOYFRIEND... AND KANG
YEAH, THAT COULD BE AWKWARD
AWK-WARD...
...AND HILARIOUS!
BAG-TARDS!!


YOU JUST WATCH!

I'LL SHOW UP WITH A BEAUTY ON MY ARM-- AN ABSOLUTE KNOCKOUT!

YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE THIS NEXT CHAPTER. FEEL FREE TO SKIP IT IT'S DEPRESSING, FANTA ACTS LIKE AN ASS AND I WEAR THIS REALLY AWFUL SHIRT NEAR THE END. CONSIDER YOURSELF WARNED

WELL, RYANG?
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
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over my dead body. No way, José! No! You think I'm nuts? Stop trying to act ll cute! ...NOT going to work! Why should I do it? I'm going to fat or...No, no, no, no

YOU SAID YOU LIKED ME, AND YOU WON'T EVEN DO ME THIS LITTLE FAVOR!
I LET YOU KISS ME! I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THAT! WHAT WAS I THINKING?!
OUCH

FANTA..

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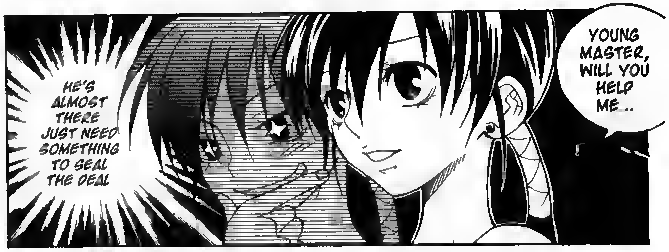
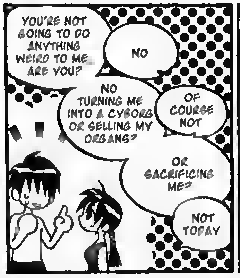
OF COURSE SHE WOULDN'T. I'M SUCH A MORON!

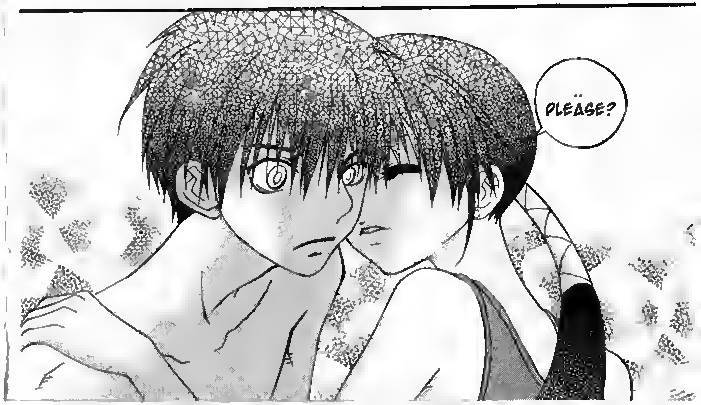

HE'S ALMOST THERE JUST NEED SOMETHING TO SEAL THE DEAL
YOUNG MASTER, WILL YOU HELP ME..

LOOK, FANTA..
...IT'S JUST THAT..


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING WEIRD TO ME, ARE YOU?
NO
NO TURNING ME INTO A CYBORG OR SELLING MY ORGANS?
OF COURSE NOT
OR SACRIFICING ME?
NOT TODAY

YOUNG MASTER, WHAT SORT OF FREAKY SPELL DID YOU THINK I WANTED TO CAST?
AH, WELL

I'M NOT GOING TO HURT SOMEONE I LIKE


..PLEASE?

KISS
부르르?
Huh?
Such a cute couple!
How sweet!
Heh heh heh...
COUPLE
FANTA
I, UH... I...
HUH?

ACK!
UH...

GRAB
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, ROMEO.
?!?!
I'VE SEEN ABOUT ALL OF THIS I CAN STOMACH.
PAIN

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY SISTER, RYANG?
!!
YOUNG MASTER, YOU'RE HURTING ME. PLEASE LET GO OF MY HAND
AGH! WHAT WAS I DOING?!
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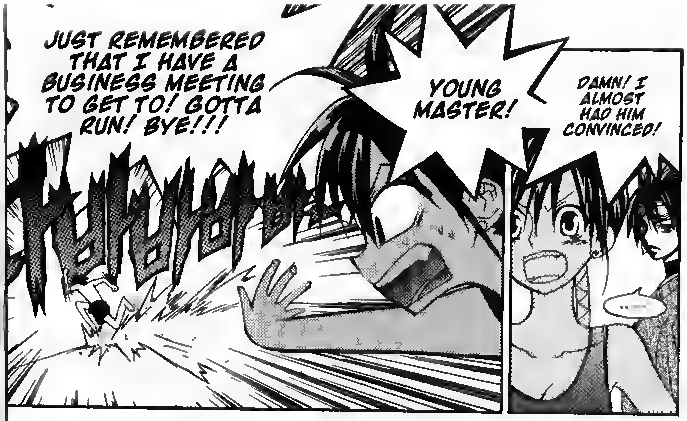
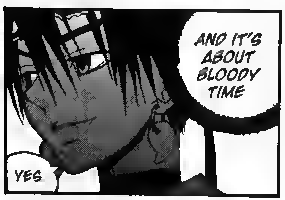
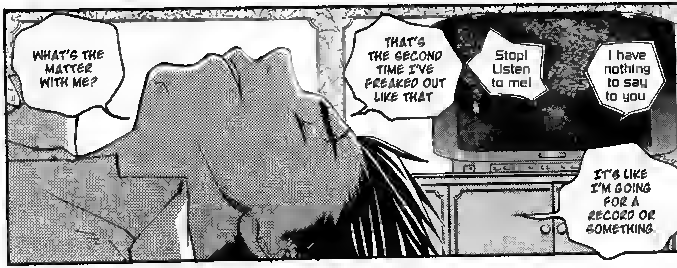
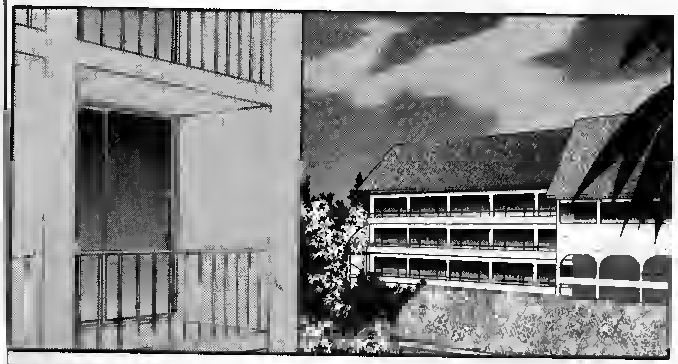

JUST REMEMBERED THAT I HAVE A BUSINESS MEETING TO GET TO! GOTTA RUN! BYE!!!
YOUNG MASTER!
DAMN! I ALMOST HAD HIM CONVINCED!

OH GAAAWD...

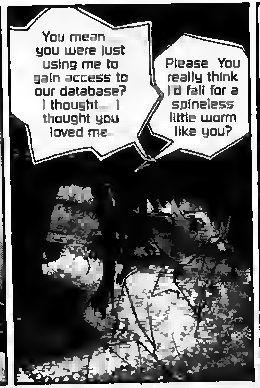
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO DO THE FAVOR FOR ME, AT LEAST


AND IT'S ABOUT BLOODY TIME
YES


WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME?
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME I'VE FREAKED OUT LIKE THAT
Stop! Listen to me!
I have nothing to say to you
IT'S LIKE I'M GOING FOR A RECORD OR SOMETHING

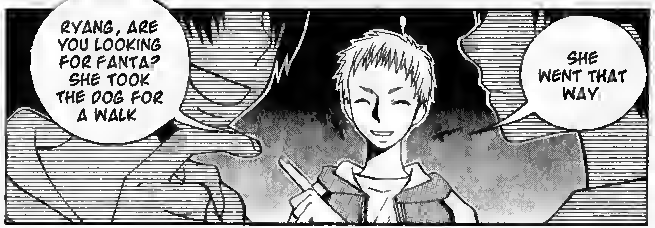


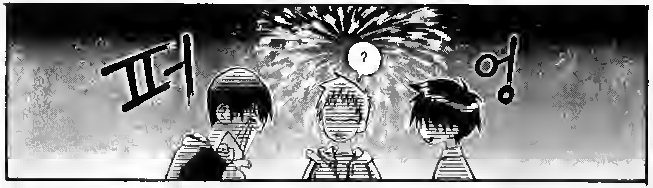
I needed someone to get me in
?
But now I have no use for you


You mean you were just using me to gain access to our database? I thought... I thought you loved me.
Please. You really think I'd fall for a spineless little worm like you?

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS CHEESY THING I'M WATCHING? IS THIS GUY AN IDIOT? THAT CHICK HAS "SCHEME QUEEN" WRITTEN ALL OVER HER.

I really need to go. Goodbye, Tae.. I'm sorry
Wait! I still...
ENOUGH ALREADY!
CLICK
AAAH..
I should get up
KNOCK KNOCK
YOU IN THERE, RYANG? I'M COMING IN.
HI.
THEY'RE LETTING OFF FIREWORKS DOWN AT THE BEACH. YOU COMING?
SURE... WHY NOT?
You may want to put on a shirt.
Kay.
MOVE IT, MEN! YOU DROP THAT BOX, I'LL DROP YOUR EGG!
GET THAT BEE TO THE BEACH RIGHT AWAY!
Yes, sir!
DUDE, MS. YUN IS THE COOLEST TEACHER IN HISTORY.
Yeah.
WOW! OH, SEHO, THEY'RE SO PRETTY!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY FIREWORKS!
ABSOLUTELY SPECTACULAR. WHAT DO YOU THINK, MS. YUN?
DOWN A COUPLA THINGS IF YOU WANNA SEE REAL FIREWORKS!
WILL YOU MARRY ME?
LOOKING FOR FANTA, RYANG?
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND. IT'S THE MOST ROMANTIC EVENING OF THIS WHOLE TRIP, AND FANTA IS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.
OF COURSE, IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I KNOW WHERE SHE IS. BUT IT'LL COST YOU.
Is that so?


RYANG, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FANTA? SHE TOOK THE DOG FOR A WALK
SHE WENT THAT WAY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THANKS, SEHO! YOU'RE THE BEST!
YOU LITTLE BRAT! FOR ONCE, I HAD THE UPPER HAND WITH RYANG AND YOU RUINED IT FOR ME!
HUH? WHAT DID I DO?

SHE'S OUT WALKING THE DOG

WAIT A MINUTE. WHAT DOG? OH NO...
GOODFELLOW ALWAYS DID HAVE IMPECCABLE TIMING

HI, RYANG.
!!

IT'S TIME YOU AND I...
..HAD A LITTLE TALK.

II.
I REALIZE, FANTA...
THAT MY OPINION COMES LAST. BUT I THINK ALL THIS IS BEST LEFT IN THE PAST
NO.
I NEED TO KNOW. ALL THIS HAS MADE ME EVEN MORE CURIOUS.
THERE'S STILL ENOUGH TIME IT HASN'T BEEN 100 DAYS YET.
I'LL NEED YOUR HELP. THOUGH. CAN I COUNT ON YOU, GOOD-FELLOW?

AND WHAT IF YOUR GUEST DOESN'T GRANT YOUR REQUEST?
...I'LL HAVE TO DO IT BY FORCE.
WELL, THEN.

BY FORCE?! FANTA, ARE YOU DAFT?
WHY, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WITCHCRAFT! RYANG'S NOT SOME RANDOM STRANGER! YOU'LL BE PUTTING HIS LIFE IN DANGER!

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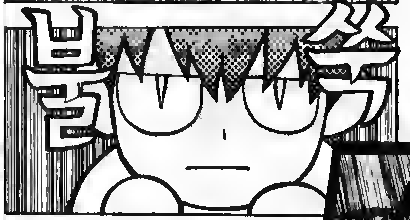
AND YOU'D BE BREAKING OUR NUMBER ONE RULE FANTA, DON'T BE A FOOL!
I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!

AND IT HAS TO BE RYANG! THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE WHO MEETS ALL OF THE CONDITIONS! IT'S A MIRACLE I MANAGED TO FIND RYANG IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY FATHER! MY MOTHER HATES ME, ROBIN! SHE TRIED TO KILL ME!
AND GODDAMMIT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY!

II

HOW BEAUTIFUL!
I KNOW
I'M ON THE BEACH WITH A GORGEOUS GIRL AND THE SKY'S FULL OF FIREWORKS. I HAVE TO TRY KISSING HER! HAVE TO
Care for a swim at low?
Move that way, mister!



IF YOU TWO EVEN THINK...
OF HEADING TO SOME QUIET CORNER OF THE BEACH TOGETHE...

I WILL KILL YOU BOTH. THEN KILL MYSELF SO I CAN TORTURE YOU FOR ALL ETERNITY IN HELL!!!
WASN'T EVEN THINKING OF IT!

FOO!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?! I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME YOU FREAK!
I've really gotta introduce you to Jake! I think you two would get along!
HUH?
Y-YOUNG MASTER?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN...?
HEY RYANG, YOU MIGHT WANNA LOOK BEHIND YOU

DID YOU HEAR EVERY-THING?
YES.
YOU HEARD...
MILK

LET ME ASK YOU SOME-THING...
WAS THIS THE PLAN FROM THE START?
WERE YOU GETTING CLOSE TO ME JUST SO YOU COULD USE ME?
Wait... Why does this sound so familiar?
MILK
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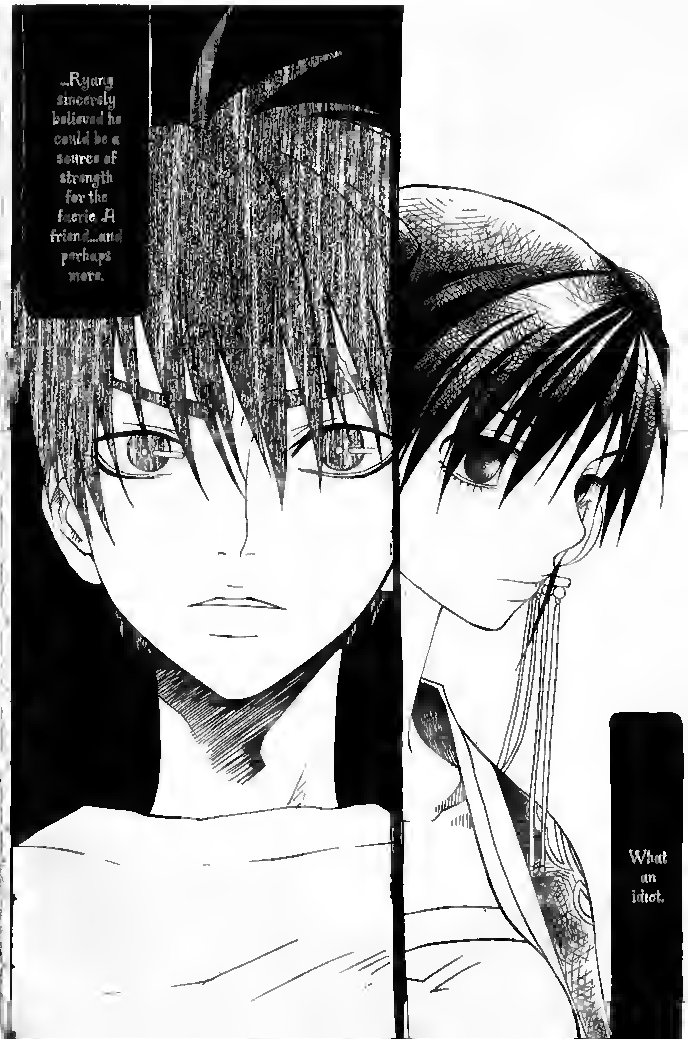
Let's see, what was I supposed to do here? Oh, that's right. The recap! Well, let me get to it then. This is Ryang Segal, a 16-year-old freshman.
One night, something remarkable happened to Ryang.
But that wasn't THIS night. This night, the only thing that happened to him was a strange rhyming deer-man asked him for shelter from the police.
Why do all the crazies seem to come out after dark?
Ryang helped the deer-man, whose name was Goodfellow...
...and in exchange, Goodfellow showed him an incredible sight.
And believe me...
...naked faeries are one incredible sight. Especially THIS faerie... Fanta.

There was a mishap, though. An unfortunate accident.
Young man, catch!
!!
The faerie's winged gown ripped, forcing her to stay on earth. Ryang took one look at her naked breas--ere, sad eyes and immediately took pity on her. He opened up his home to her.
But unfortunately, in taking Fanta in, Ryang became a target of her rival--Medea.

Medea cursed Ryang to a series of 108 doomed relationships, each one resulting in an evil affinity. Let's see, how can I describe an evil affinity?
Of course, things became more complicated
Imagine a psycho ex gone dangerously supernatural and you've scratched the surface. But Ryang didn't sweat the curse. Not for very long, at any rate. Fanta was always there by his side, protecting the innocent boy
YOU MUST BE WARY OF FANTA'S FEELINGS. SHE MUST NOT FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU.
AND YOU MUST TAKE CARE TO AVOID FALLING IN LOVE WITH HER, AS WELL.
Charon warned Ryang about the danger of letting feelings develop between him and Fanta, but that didn't stop the two young, attractive heterosexuals from falling for each other

Or so Ryang thought. But it turns out he was being played like a bad polka, and Fanta's lies only fueled his feelings for her.
IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU, YOUNG MASTER.
When it comes to bad relationships, he sure knows how to pick 'em. Fanta was actually his second. His first was a psychotic girl named Hani, who, unfortunately, is still very much in the picture.
THIS LOOKS GOOD, YOUNG MASTER.
However, with Fanta's help, Ryang began moving on.
Oh, poor Ryang
When Fanta's dark past caught up with her and she found herself in a struggle for her very life...


...Ryang sincerely believed he could be a source of strength for the faerie. A friend?...and perhaps more.
What an idiot.

IT'S TIME YOU AND I HAD A LITTLE TALK.
HUH?
PAIN, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. I WAS ABOUT TO APOLOGIZE TO PANTA.
SO I FIG-URED...
...BUT...
...BEFORE THAT...
...YOU OWE ME A FAVOR.

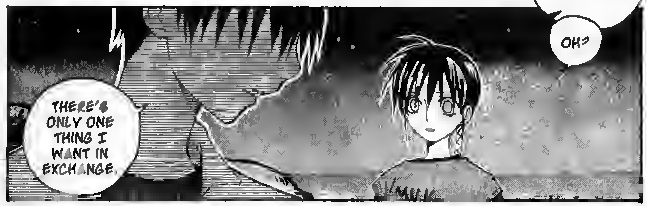
A FAVOR?
I JUST NEED TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR.
OH, NOT THIS AGAIN! WHY NOW, OF ALL TIMES?
I KNOW YOU'RE SWEATING THE FAVOR YOU OWE ME...
...BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU'LL SOON BE BETRAYED, RYANG...
...BY THE PERSON YOU TRUST MORE THAN ANYONE
THE FAVOR YOU OWE ME IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO DO AFTERWARDS. AND TRUST ME, YOU WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH DOING IT

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
AND HERE'S WHAT I NEED FROM YOU WHEN YOU DO...
THIS MUST'VE BEEN WHAT PAIN WAS TALKING ABOUT. GODDAMMIT, HE WAS RIGHT!
THE PERSON I TRUST MORE THAN ANYONE...
MILK

HAS EVERYTHING THAT'S COME PRIOR TO THIS BEEN A LIE? WAS FANTA JUST USING ME?
I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. HELL, THE SIGNS HAVE BEEN THERE FROM THE VERY START.
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW. I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE FANTA FOR WHO... WHAT SHE TRULY IS.
I SEEM TO LIKE LIVING IN DENIAL, DON'T I?
BUT WHY ...?
OH, RYANG, I TOLD YOU...
...ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'D GET YOU TO OPEN UP.
WHY DO ALL THE GIRLS I DATE WIND UP TO BE COMPLETE PSYCHOS ?!

HE KNOWS! YOUNG MASTER RYANG KNOWS EVERY-THING!
WHAT DO I DO?
THE PLAN, EVERYTHING... IT'S ALL RUINED!
BUT I-I CAN'T GIVE UP! NOT NOW! NOT NOW!
I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY FATHER. I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!

THAT FAVOR YOU WERE ASKING ME FOR.
I'LL DO IT.
HUH?
R-REALLY?!


ON ONE CONDITION.
OH?
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT IN EXCHANGE.

MILK
YOUNG MASTER?

ONCE YOU'RE DONE WITH WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO TO ME...
...I WANT YOU OUT OF MY HOUSE AND OUT OF MY LIFE! FOR GOOD!!

YOUNG MASTER...
IS THIS YOUR DOING, PAIN?
IS THAT WHY RYANG'S AGREED TO GRANT MY REQUEST, DESPITE FINDING EVERYTHING OUT?
Gasp!

DID I...
...RUDELY INTERFERE WITH YOUR LIFE AGAIN?
NAH
THIS WASN'T HOW I'D HOPED THINGS WOULD TURN OUT, BUT THANKS TO YOU...
MILK
...I'M GETTING WHAT I WANTED. AND THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT.
THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT.
AAAAH!
?!
YOUR DAYS OF ENDLESS HAPPINESS END NOW, JEGRAL!
MUAHAHAHA!
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.....
And that, kids, is why you should never run on the beach...

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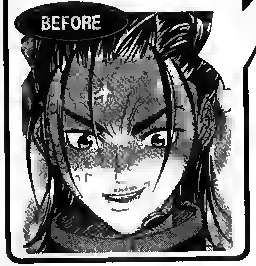
Say Goodbye to Sokcho

Kang Jegal / 20 years old / Blood type O
The middle child of the Jegal family. He's kind of a bum. Likes screwing around and trying to make himself look cool. He's extremely vain and hot-tempered. Kang is overly susceptible to the latest trends. He's not dumb, but not very adaptable. Really likes hamsters and dogs. Kang fears his older brother, and is on very good terms with his sister-in-law. However, Kang fights frequently with Ryang about trivial things. Height: 5 Ft 10 in. Weight: 190 lbs. Likes chestnuts, and is weak in probability games. Hates relationships where he's tied down. Claims that he's a philanthropist (but it just seems like he likes playing around with the ladies). Currently in the armed forces.



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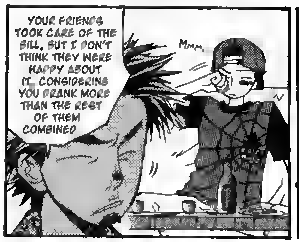
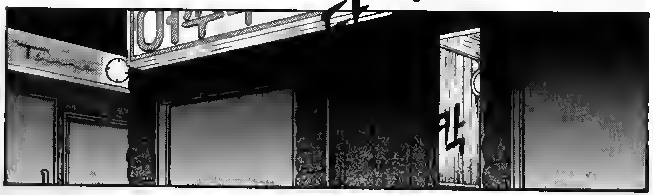
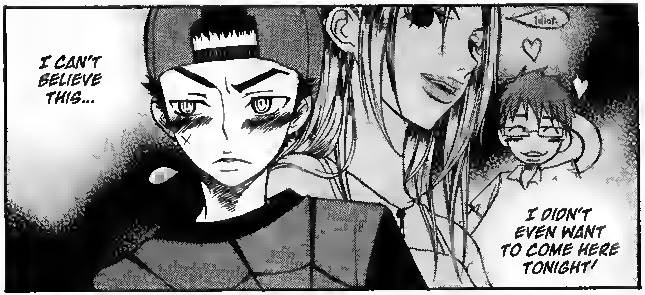
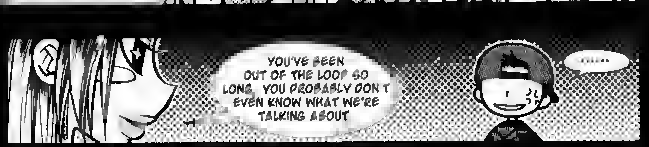

YOUR FRIENDS TOOK CARE OF THE BILL, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY WERE HAPPY ABOUT IT. CONSIDERING YOU DRANK MORE THAN THE REST OF THEM COMBINED
Mmm.





THIS IS TURNING INTO A REAL LOUSY WEEK
WHISPERING
Psst!
LAUGHING AMONGST THEMSELVES
I'M SORRY, KANG. THIS MUST BE PRETTY AWKWARD FOR YOU
Yeah.



Seungyu and I really got it together this year.
Yeah, he is always a think wheel. Penguin alone.
Just watched some blood type talk show.
Me too.
I'M STILL HERE, YOU MORONS!
SO...I HAD THIS REALLY CRAZY DREAM LAST NIGHT.
Changing the topic
I DREAMED THAT WE WERE HOSTING THE WORLD CUP, AND DURING THE FIRST ROUND, WE BEAT PORTUGAL AND POLAND
WE WENT INTO THE ELIMINATION ROUNDS FIRST IN OUR GROUP. THEN WE SOUNDLY DEFEATED ITALY, MAKING IT INTO THE QUARTER-FINALS
WE TIED SPAIN 0-0 IN THE QUARTERFINALS THEN BEAT THEM WITH PENALTY KICKOFFS, MAKING IT TO THE SEMIS! THEN WE PLAYED GERMANY---
YEAH, LIKE THAT WILL EVER HAPPEN.
HOW SILLY
Our soccer team sucks.
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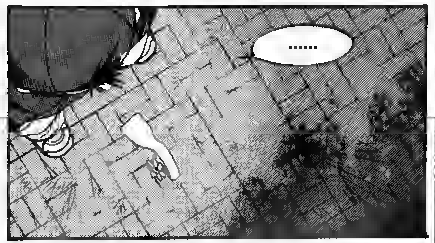
Glurg glurg!
MORE SOJU, ON THE DOUBLE!
WHANG!
WOOHOO! I LOVE ME SOME SOJU!
You're pouring your drinks, dude.
Last time you did that, you passed out.
Shut up and drink!
SIGH...
What?
THEY'RE LUCKY I'M OFF BASE OTHERWISE, I COULD SHOOT THEM.
The girls all love Kang!
Lucky bastard.
Wanna trade underwears, Kang?
Nah, Kang! Come over here and give me a grope!
Kang is reliving his glory days...or so he'd have you believe.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I COULD SNAP MY FINGERS AND, LIKE MAGIC, A CUTIE WOULD APPEAR BEFORE ME.
PLOP!

..... ??
UH.. PLOP?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WHAT THE HELL?
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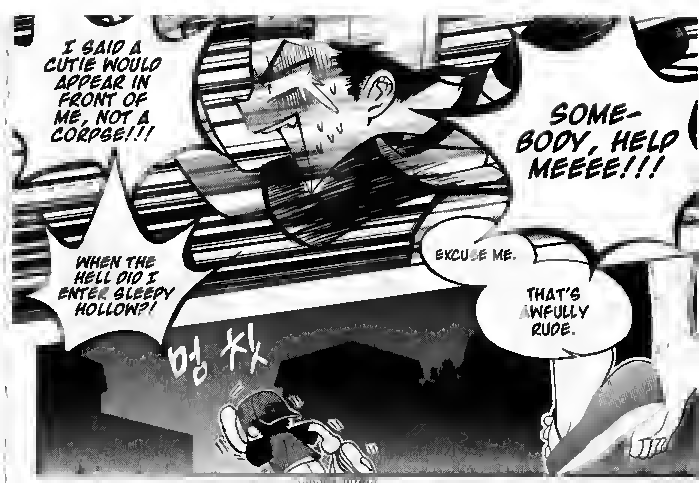
AAAAAGH!


I SAID A CUTIE WOULD APPEAR IN FRONT OF ME, NOT A CORPSE!!!
SOME-BODY, HELP MEEEE!!!
WHEN THE HELL DID I ENTER SLEEPY HOLLOW?!
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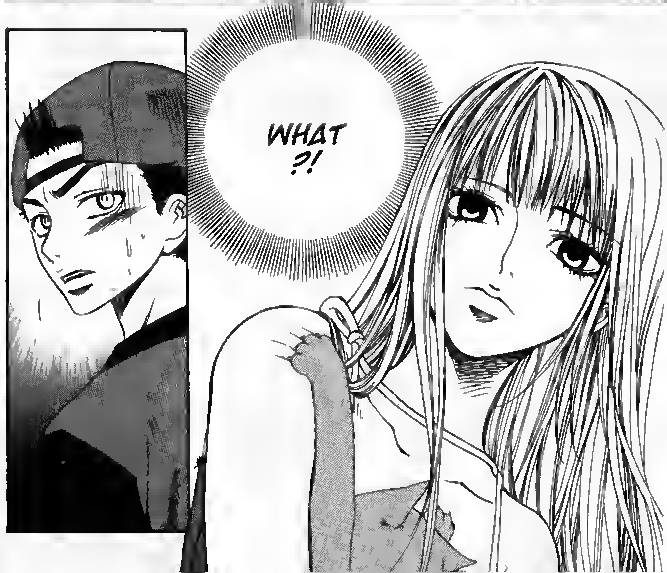
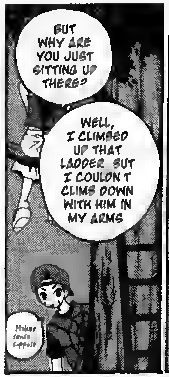
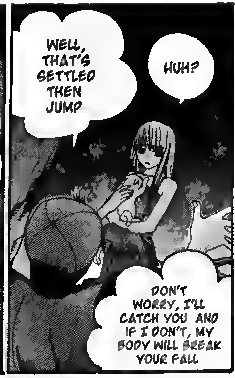
EXCUSE ME.
THAT'S AWFULLY RUDE.


WHAT ?!

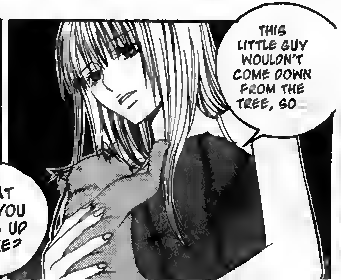

BUT WHY ARE YOU JUST SITTING UP THERE?
WELL, I CLIMBED UP THAT LADDER, BUT I COULDN'T CLIMB DOWN WITH HIM IN MY ARMS
Hikaru sends a glance

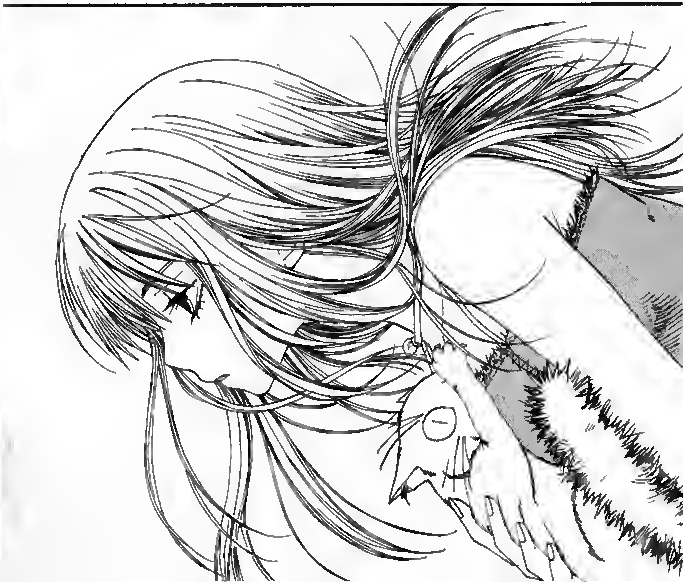

WELL, THAT'S SETTLED THEN JUMP
HUH?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL CATCH YOU AND IF I DON'T, MY BODY WILL BREAK YOUR FALL

THANK YOU...

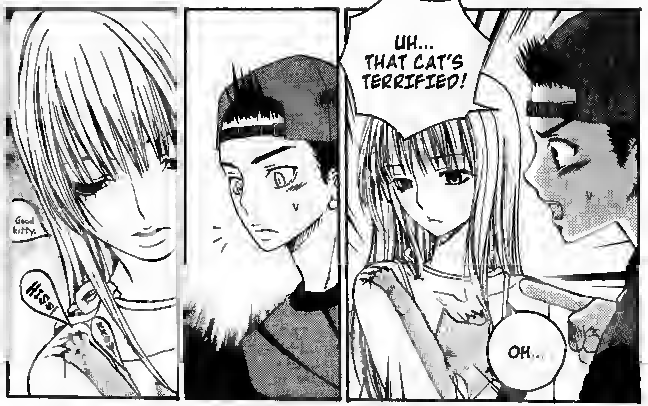
I SHOULD THANK YOU
FOR THE VIEW

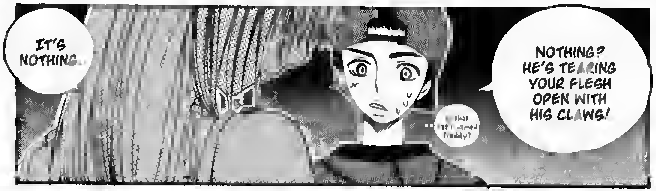
HUH... YOU'RE ALIVE!
AND VERY, VERY PRETTY


WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?
THIS LITTLE GUY WOULDN'T COME DOWN FROM THE TREE, SO...



SCORE ONE FOR THE KANGSTER.

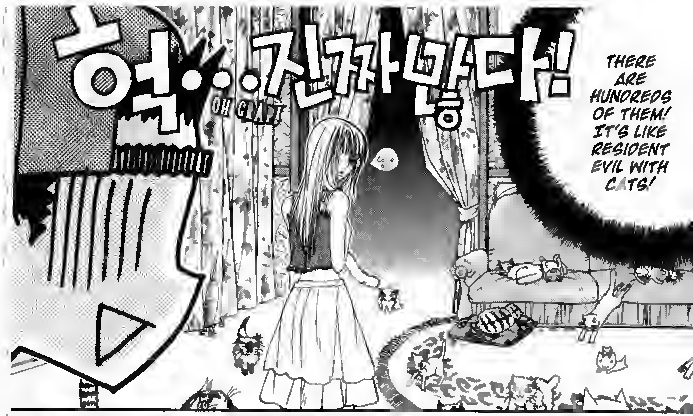

Good kitty.
HISS!
UH... THAT CAT'S TERRIFIED!
OH...

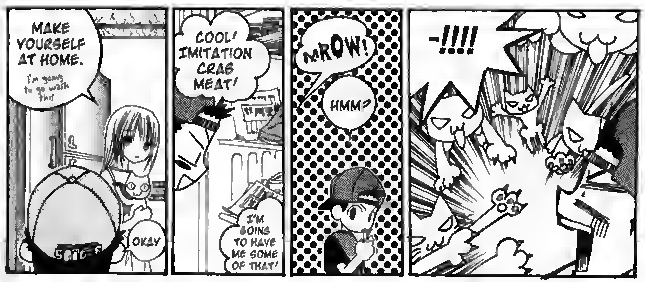

IT'S NOTHING.
NOTHING? HE'S TEARING YOUR FLESH OPEN WITH HIS CLAWS!

IT'S JUST A LITTLE SCRATCH. I CAN BARELY FEEL IT.
ACTUALLY, THIS IS MY HOUSE RIGHT HERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO [illegible] MAKE COFFEE.

YOU'RE SO FULL OF SHIT.
SHE INVITED YOU, A GUY SHE JUST MET ON THE STREET, INTO HER HOUSE FOR, AHEM, COFFEE?
YEAH
YOU WERE COMPLETELY TANKED, KANG. YOU WERE PROBABLY DREAMING
NOPE.
I HAVE PROOF.

MAN, YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HER HOUSE.
You live here alone?
MOMMY'S HOME, KIDS
KIDS?!


헉.. 고양이다!
OH CRAP
THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THEM! IT'S LIKE RESIDENT EVIL WITH CATS!


MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
I'm going to go wash this!
OKAY
COOL! IMITATION CRAB MEAT!
I'M GOING TO HAVE ME SOME OF THAT!
MROW!
HMM?
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으아아아아!!

ANYHOW, THE SCARS MAY NOT EVER FULLY HEAL, BUT THEY'RE A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR TRUE HAPPINESS

Anyhow, she's a high school senior
Her parents are overseas, so she lives alone and looks after the cat. And trust me, that's a full time job.
That's cool.
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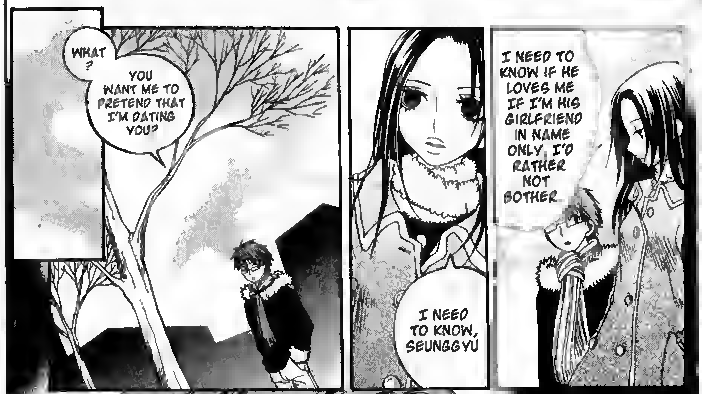
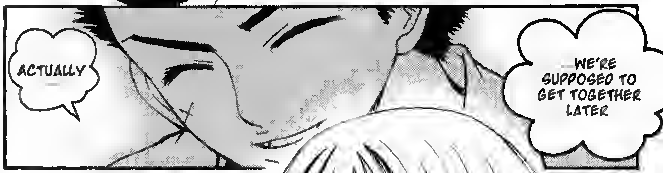

WHAT?
YOU WANT ME TO PRETEND THAT I'M DATING YOU?
I NEED TO KNOW, SEUNGGYU
I NEED TO KNOW IF HE LOVES ME IF I'M HIS GIRLFRIEND IN NAME ONLY, I'D RATHER NOT BOTHER.

I KNOW...
...WHAT I'M SUGGESTING IS UNUSUAL. I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU FOR SAYING NO.
.....

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT JUST TRYING TO GET BACK AT HIM?
UH...
SO NOW WHAT, JINYEONG?
YOUR PLAN HAS BACKFIRED. KANG WAS SO JEALOUS HE RAN OFF AND FOUND HIMSELF ANOTHER GIRL
I guess we were too convincing.
You're really enjoying this, aren't you?
To


ACTUALLY...
...WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET TOGETHER LATER

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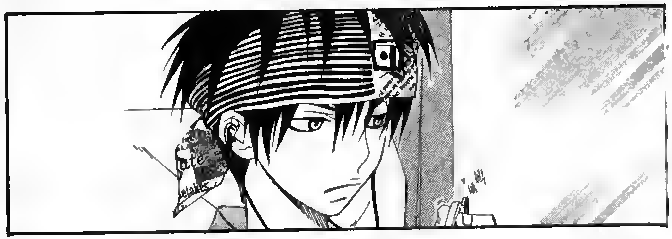
お嬢さま、
(MY LADY..)
お出かけですか
(ARE YOU GOING OUT?)
うん。
(YES)
久々に
デートなの
(I HAVE A DATE THE FIRST ONE IN QUITE SOME TIME)
あの人りャンに
似てるから
(THE FUNNY THING IS HE LOOKS LIKE RYANG)
ドキドキし
て変な感じがする
(IT'S SO STRANGE I CAN FEEL MY HEART THUMPING)
じゃ、
行って来るわ
(ANYROW, I'LL SEE YOU LATER)
はい、
行ってらっしゃい
(HAVE FUN)

SHEFT

HURRY UP, RYANG! EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU!
HUH?
I'M PACKED LET'S GO.
YOU PUT YOUR BANDANNA BACK ON.
IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
DID I MISS SOMETHING?
THERE'S YOUR BUS YOU'D BETTER GET GOING
OKAY, THANKS, MS YUN! WE HAD A LOT OF FUN!

SO DID I! I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL!
THIS TRIP WAS ONE FOR THE MEMORY BOOKS, MS YUN! THANK YOU!
CHAT
HUH? FANTA SEEMS DOWN
I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED
WHAT ARE YOU DOING STANDING NEXT TO ME?! YOU'RE OUT OF LINE, SOLDIER!
REALLY?! WANNA COME OVER HERE AND FIX THAT?



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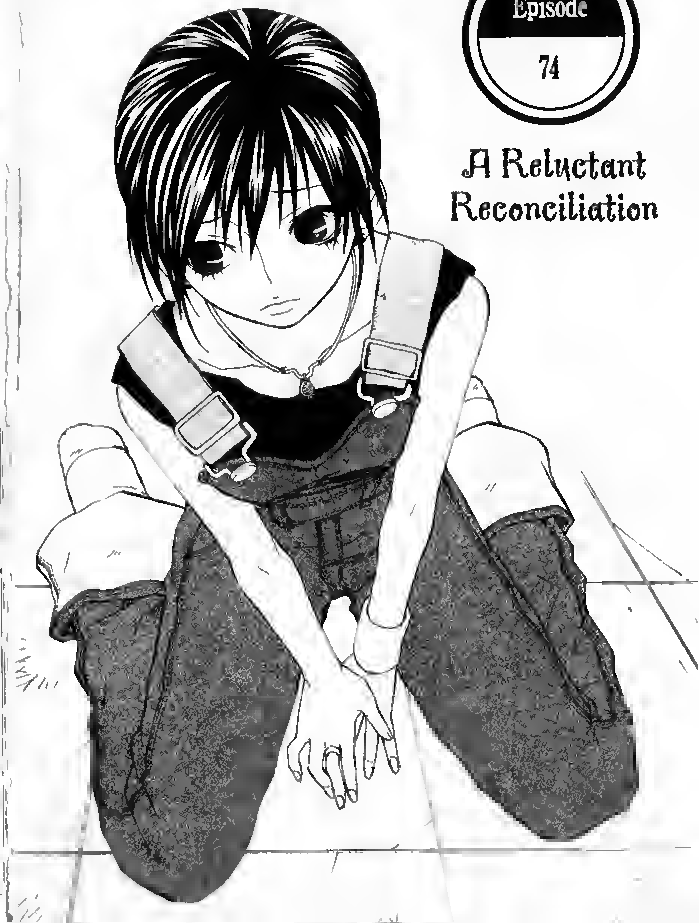
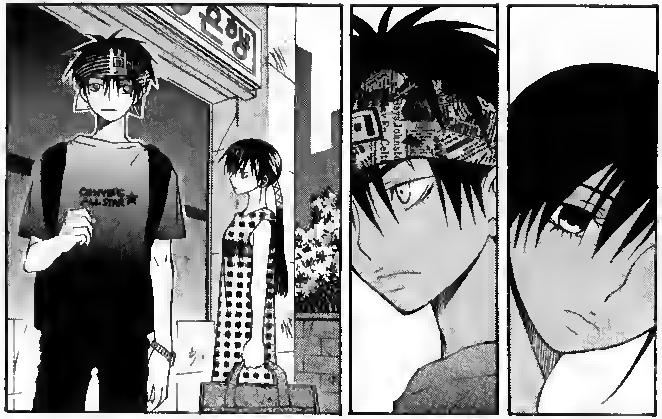
A Reluctant Reconciliation



THOOM!!!

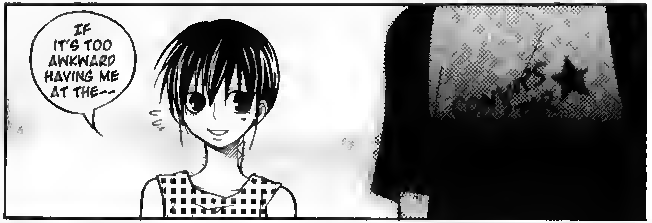
GREAT TA SEE YAH BACK AT FULL STRENGTH, MASTUH!
And destructive as ever!
WOW! I MEAN..LIKE, WOW!
THEY SAID LADY ORLN WAS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL FAERIES IN AVALON. AND THEY WEREN'T KIDDING!
AND SHE LOST POWER AFTER MARRYING A HUMAN TO BOOT!

JEEZ! WHAT WAS SHE LIKE ORIGINALLY?
AND WHY WOULD SHE GIVE THAT POWER UP?
WHILE I'M THINKING ABOUT IT, WHY LET THAT HUMAN KEEP HIS LIFE? AFTER ALL HE COST HER, I'M SURPRISED SHE DIDN'T RUB HIM OUT. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE.
I WONDER WHY SHE DIDN'T?
I can't believe I survived a full week with you! I had my doubts.
Hurry up and get out of here, you fool!
See you when school starts.
Yeah, keep in touch, Taho.
Be careful, you two!
Later!
See you guys!
And sorry about having to beat you all. :P



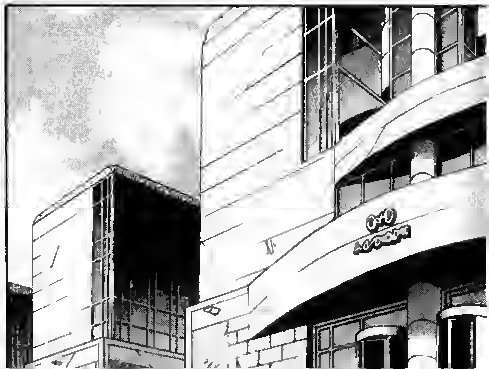
Okay, what's going on with those two?
Y-You noticed too, eh? Sasha looks really down.
Something must've happened.

UM... YOUNG MASTER...


IF IT'S TOO AWKWARD HAVING ME AT THE--

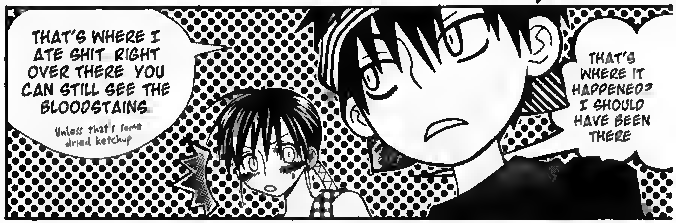
LET'S TALK.

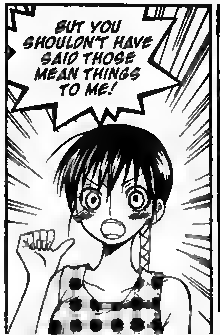
HUH?



AH!
THIG IS...
THIS WAS WHERE
YEP. THIS WAS WHERE I LEARNED A THOUSAND NEW WAYS TO EAT PAVEMENT
YES!! NAILED IT !!!

IT WASN'T A LAUGHING MATTER YOU CREATED THREE EVIL AFFINITIES THAT DAY
RIGHT, AND YOU WERE PISSED AT ME, SO YOU WEREN'T THERE TO PURIFY THEM.
HEY!
OH MAN!


THAT'S WHERE I ATE SHIT RIGHT OVER THERE YOU CAN STILL SEE THE BLOODSTAINS.
Unless that's some dried ketchup
THAT'S WHERE IT HAPPENED? I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE


BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THOSE MEAN THINGS TO ME!

RIGHT.
SMILE
SMILE
BUT THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT YOUR PARENTS THEN!
AND I APOLOGIZED FOR IT.
I EVEN BOUGHT YOU SOME STRAWBERRY MILK, IF MEMORY SERVES.
CAN WE GET OFF THE SUBJECT ALREADY?

ALL THIS BITTERNESS BETWEEN US... HOW ABOUT WE SETTLE IT?
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

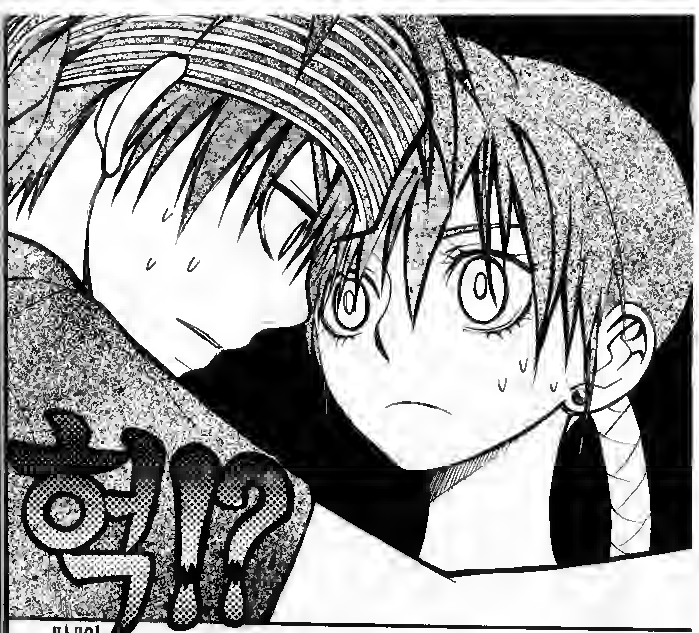
OKAY...

ONE PUNCH RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW.

Y-Y-YOU'RE GOING TO HIT ME?! BUT I'M A GIRL!
SHUT UP! YOU'RE NOT A GIRL! YOU'RE A FAERIE.
And you're, like, 176 years old

LOOK, THIS AWKWARDNESS BETWEEN YOU AND ME. I CAN'T DEAL WITH IT
...
I SAY WE JUST SETTLE THINGS RIGHT NOW AND PUT IT ALL BEHIND US

CLENCH YOUR TEETH
Hyk
PAK


WAIT!

WH-WHAT THE HELL AM I THINKING ?!
HEY

OKAY, LET'S REEVALUATE THIS THING... FORGET THE PUNCH
I COULD JUST LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND RIGHT HERE WITHOUT SETTLING THE SCORE I MEAN LIFE'S TOO SHORT

IS THAT IT?

POW!
THAT HURT!

SORRY.
LIFE MAY BE SHORT, BUT YOU HAD THAT COMING.

YEAH.

DA-AMN! NICE GOIN' THERE, TYSON.
YOU TWO HAVING A LITTLE LOVE'S QUARREL ?

YOU DIDN'T JUST BREAK UP, DID YOU?
'CUZ IF YOU DID, WE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SOME SLOPPY SECONDS.
Ben.
AROUND
THE
WORLD
CROSS
LON

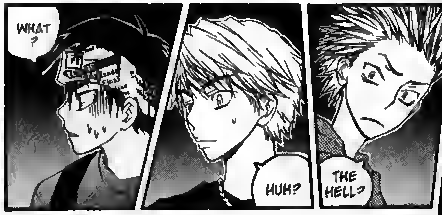
WHO ARE THESE GUYS?
YOU GOT SOME SORT OF PROBLEM?
HYEONSU, WE GOT US A HERO HERE
AROUND
I LIKE HEROES. FORGET THE GIRL. LET'S GRAB HIM.
EASY, MAN. WE CAN ALL PLAY NICE HERE

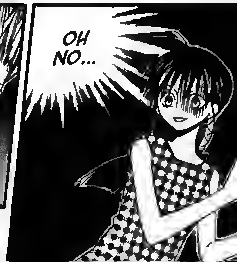
YEAH, WE CAN BE REAL NICE.
POP!

GREAT... LIKE I NEED THIS RIGHT NOW.

CROSS

BLUSH
발그레
OH YEAH YOU'RE JUST MY TYPE.

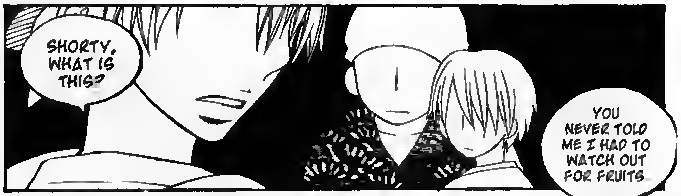

WHAT?
HUH?
THE HELL?


OH NO...

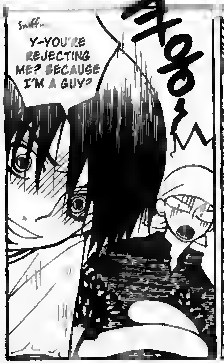
NO FREAKIN' WAY!!!

THIS IS BULLSHIT, HYEOGU! WHEN I FIRST ASKED YOU OUT, YOU TOLD ME YOU DIDN'T LIKE BOYS! SO WHAT THE HELL'S THIS SHIT?!
OH, I DO. I JUST DON'T LIKE UGLY BOYS. GET A NEW FACE AND YOU AND I CAN TALK.
CROSS ROAD
YOU GUYS
DID WHAT?!

WAIT A SECOND
YOU'RE BOTH GUYS!
NO SHIT, KINDAICHI


SHORTY, WHAT IS THIS?
!
YOU NEVER TOLD ME I HAD TO WATCH OUT FOR FRUITS

KRAB!
WHO YOU CALLIN' FRUIT, YOU FREAK?! DON'T MAKE ME GET ALL JET LI ON YOUR ASS!
MMM. JET LI...
YOUNG MASTER, LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES
THAT'S WELL AND GOOD, BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET MY BOUNDARIES DOWN WITH THESE GUYS!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO CLOSED-MINDED.


Sniff...
Y-YOU'RE REJECTING ME? BECAUSE I'M A GUY?

YOU ASSHOLE! YOU HURT MY HYEONGU! I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
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AH, RYANG. YOU SEE WHAT IGNORANCE GETS YOU?
PING! LOOK, I'M SORRY, OKAY?! JUST DUCIFY THE DAMN THING!
THAT'S ONE ANGRY AFFINITY!

YOU SEEM HAPPY, FANTA.
AND WHY SHOULDN'T YOU BE? YOU'RE GETTING WHAT YOU WANT.
GOOD FOR YOU.

ONLY... THE TRUTH IS RARELY WHAT YOU EXPECT...
...AND ALMOST NEVER WHAT YOU WERE HOPING FOR. AND I CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU

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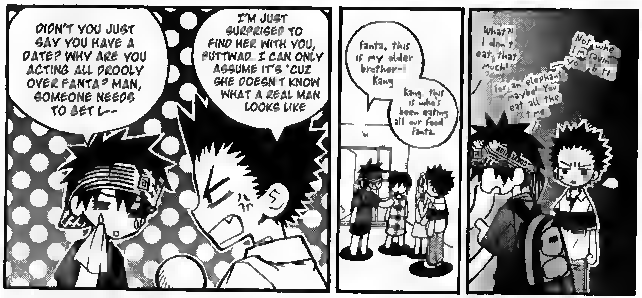
Prologue to the Past

YEAH
AAAH...
WE'RE BACK!
WELCOME BACK, YOU TWO!
GOSH, IT FEELS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR AGES
NO KIDDING! WE MISSED YOU!
DID YOU HAVE FUN?
HEY, TAEYEONG. DO YOU MIND IF I BORROW YOUR CREDIT CARD?
I DON'T MIND, BUT HUN PROBABLY WOULD.
KANG?
DON'T WOR--- HUH?

I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T OUT FOR ANOTHER YEAR
YEAH, I'M ON VACATION
YOU JUST TOOK ONE A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO! I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU BITCH ALL THE TIME ABOUT THE MILITARY. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR PRIME CUTY CONSISTS OF GOING ON HOLIDAY
YOU BASTARD! WAIT TILL YOU HAVE TO ENLIST! I'LL BET YOU WON'T EVEN MAKE IT TO YOUR FIRST VACATION BEFORE YOU GO AWOL!
HUH?
THAT'S MY NEW SHIRT! I HAVEN'T EVEN WORN IT YET!
WHAT? TH--?
WELL, WHY THE HELL DID YOU BUY IT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WEAR IT, DUMBASS?

I HAVE A DATE WITH ONE OF THE MOST GORGEOUS GALS THIS SIDE OF HEP'S HOUSE YOU WOULON'T WANT ME TO LOOK LIKE A HOMELESS PERSON, WOULD YOU? OF COURSE, YOU WOULON'T. SO I WENT AHEAD AND BORROWED YOUR SHIRT.
I'm sure in his mind, that makes perfect sense
AND WHERE DID YOU MEET THIS GIRL? BOOT CAMP?
NO, SHE JUST DROPPED OUT OF THE SKY.
You're scaring me
IT WAS AS IF GOD HIMSELF HAD THIS PLANNED. HE PARTED THE HEAVENS AND LOWERED THIS BEAUTIFUL BUNNY RIGHT INTO MY ARMS
SO DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME TONIGHT, KIDDIES
THANKS FOR THE CARD, TAE.
HMM?
HELLO.

W-W-WOW! YOU'RE CUTE! WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING WITH MY BROTHER?!
TAEYEONG, IS THIS THAT SODA GIRL YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT?! SHE LIVES HERE?!
HER NAME'S FANTA


DION'T YOU JUST SAY YOU HAVE A DATE? WHY ARE YOU ACTING ALL DROOLY OVER FANTA? MAN, SOMEONE NEEDS TO SET L--
I'M JUST SURPRISED TO FIND HER WITH YOU, FUTTWAD. I CAN ONLY ASSUME IT'S 'CUZ SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A REAL MAN LOOKS LIKE
Fanta, this is my older brother-- Kang
Kang, that is who's been eating all our food. Fanta.
What?! I din't eat that much!
Hey, who's calling me a pig?!
I'm not a pig! I'm an elephant! You mashed my nose all the way in!

ARE YOU TWO DATING? YOU SURE ACT LIKE IT.

NO!

NOT REALLY...
??

GUESS IT DOESN'T TAKE ME TOO LONG TO GET OVER THINGS.
Heh heh...
FANTA AND I ARE BACK TO BICKERING LIKE LOVEBIRDS

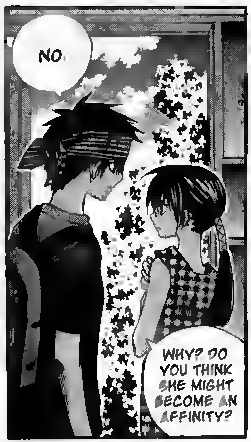
COOL THAT'S MUCH MORE FUN THAN BEING SITTER

LATER, TAE.
BYE!

...??
?

WELL, I SHOULD GET GOING.
I'LL SEE YOU BOTH LATER.
ESPECIALLY YOU, FANTA.

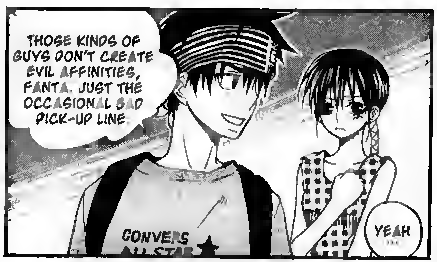
WHAT'S THIS? I'M ALL OF A SUDDEN GETTING A VERY BAD FEELING HERE...
YOUNG MASTER...
THIS GIRL YOUR BROTHER IS SEEING... DO YOU KNOW HER?


NO.

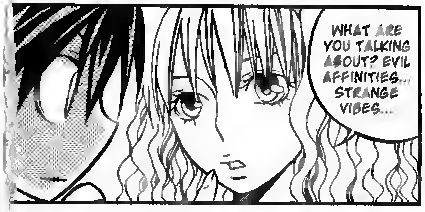
UH-HUH.
A REALLY STRONG ONE. I'M GETTING A REALLY STRANGE VIBE.

EH, THAT'S JUST KANG. HE GIVES EVERY-ONE STRANGE VIBES.

THAT GUY IS SOMETHING ELSE. HE'S A LIBIDO ON SKINNY LEGS. NOT MUCH MORE.
WHOEVER THIS GIRL IS HE'S SEEING TODAY, I FEEL FOR HER.
SHE'S GOING TO BE USED AND THROWN AWAY. HE DID THE RELATIONSHIP THING BEFORE AND IT DIDN'T WORK OUT, SO NOW HE'S JUST LOOKING TO SCORE.


THOSE KINDS OF GUYS DON'T CREATE EVIL AFFINITIES, FANTA. JUST THE OCCASIONAL BAD PICK-UP LINE.
YEAH...

IT WOULD BE NICE IF THAT WERE TRUE.


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? EVIL AFFINITIES... STRANGE VIBES...

WHOA!!!
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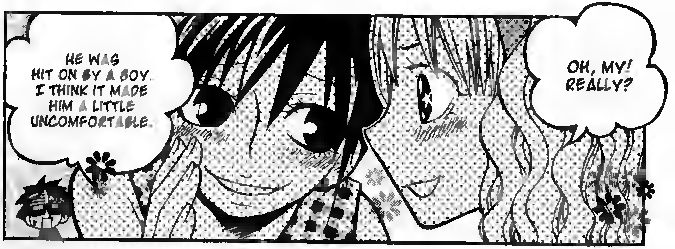
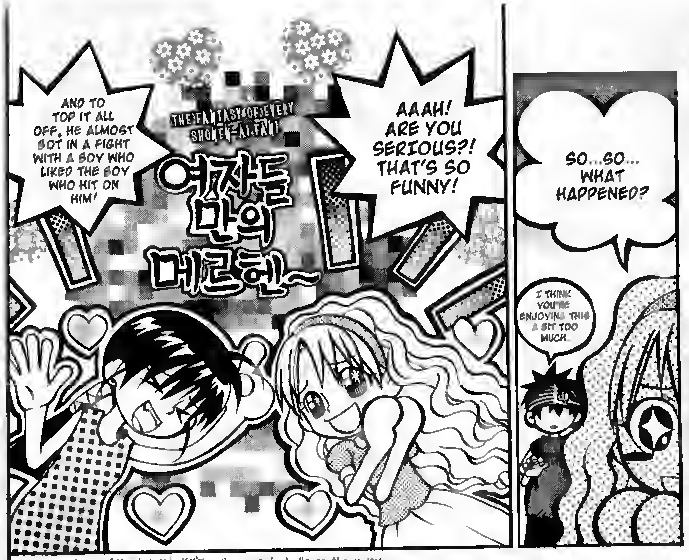
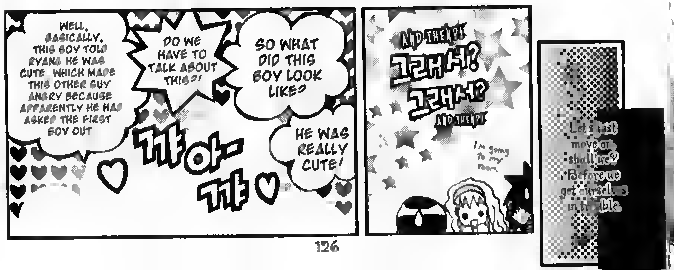
Ah... well, you see...
It's like... Uh... It's...
KYANG'S JUST A LITTLE PEEVED OUT ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED EARLIER.


HE WAS HIT ON BY A BOY. I THINK IT MADE HIM A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE.
OH, MY! REALLY?

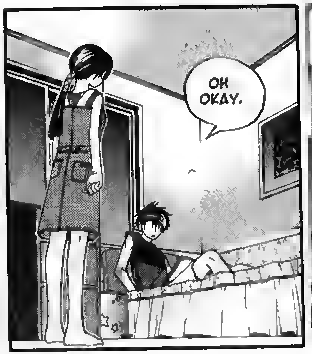

AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF, HE ALMOST GOT IN A FIGHT WITH A BOY WHO LIKED THE BOY WHO HIT ON HIM!
THE FANTASTICALLY SHORT-FANTASY
여자들 만의 메르헨~
AAAH! ARE YOU SERIOUS?! THAT'S SO FUNNY!
SO...SO... WHAT HAPPENED?
I THINK YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS A BIT TOO MUCH.

Sorry, folks, but this ISN'T a shoujo-ai book. Hence the music.


WELL, BASICALLY, THIS BOY TOLD RYANG HE WAS CUTE. WHICH MADE THIS OTHER GUY ANGRY BECAUSE APPARENTLY HE HAS ASKED THE FIRST BOY OUT
DO WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THIS?!
SO WHAT DID THIS BOY LOOK LIKE?
HE WAS REALLY CUTE!
꺄아~ 꺄♡
AND THEN? 그리고서? 그리고서?
I'M SORRY TO MY MOM.

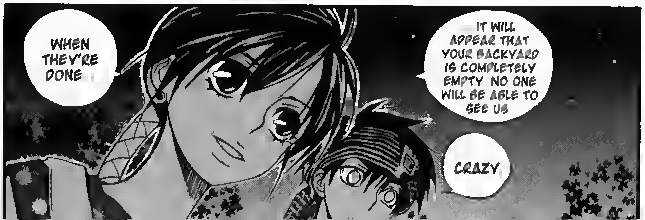
YOUNG MASTER.

TONIGHT...
...WOULD YOU MIND DOING ME THAT FAVOR?

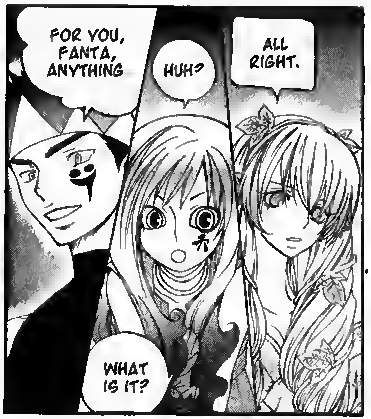

OH OKAY.

BUT... WHERE?
THERE ARE PEOPLE AROUND.
OH DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM I'M GOING TO CREATE A LOCKOUT FIELD

OR RATHER...
...OUR SPIRIT FORCES ARE


WHEN THEY'RE DONE
IT WILL APPEAR THAT YOUR BACKYARD IS COMPLETELY EMPTY NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE US
CRAZY

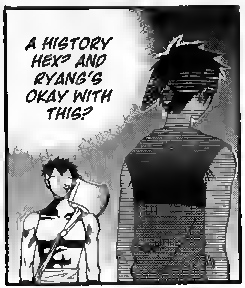
GUYS, I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME


FOR YOU, FANTA, ANYTHING
HUH?
ALL RIGHT.
WHAT IS IT?

THANK YOU.

THIS SPELL I'M GOING TO CAST...
...IS A HISTORY HEX IT ALLOWS ME TO JOURNEY THROUGH PAST LIVES.
WHILE I'M TRAVELING, I'LL BE DEFENSE-LESS.

TO PROTECT ME, AND TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM DISCOVERING WHAT WE'RE DOING...
SINCE THIS SORT OF THING TENDS TO FREAK PEOPLE OUT...
I'D LIKE YOU TO CREATE A LOCKOUT FIELD FOR ME--A SPIRIT FORCE FORMATION


A HISTORY HEX? AND RYANG'S OKAY WITH THIS?

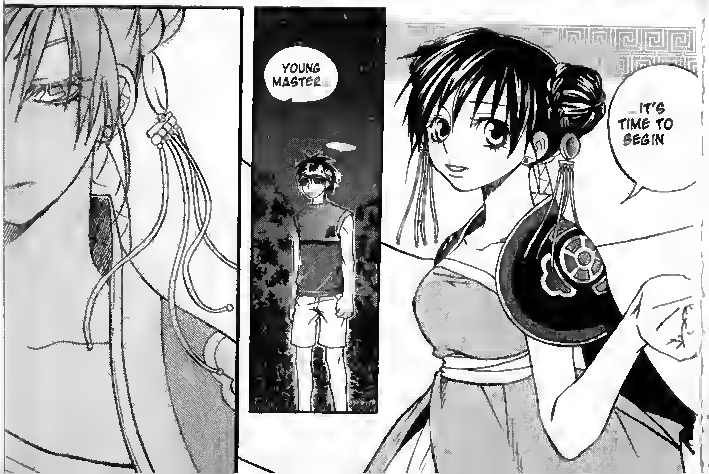
SOUNDS LIKE FUN! THIS'LL BE A KNOCKOUT LOCKOUT!
WE'RE SHORT AN ELEMENT, BUT WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN.

ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO IN REVERSE ORDER. I'LL START...
...THEN GABIJA, AND THEN NYKEE.

Mother Earth, we stand on your ground...
And ask for strength, for to you, I'm bound!

God of fire, steam and smoke...
Your power and strength I do invoke!
HAH!

WHOO, SH!
Forest Queen, I ask you, please... to give this barrier the strength of trees!
Spirit Force Formation!
Robe of magic,
I summon thee!



Side Story

When Seho Met Sonm

Episode

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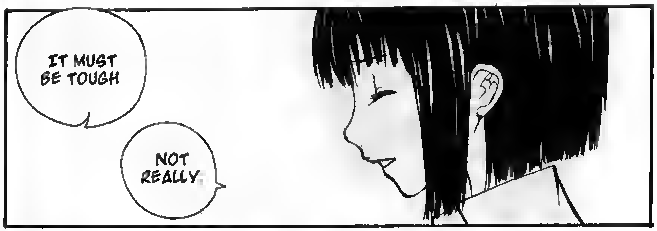
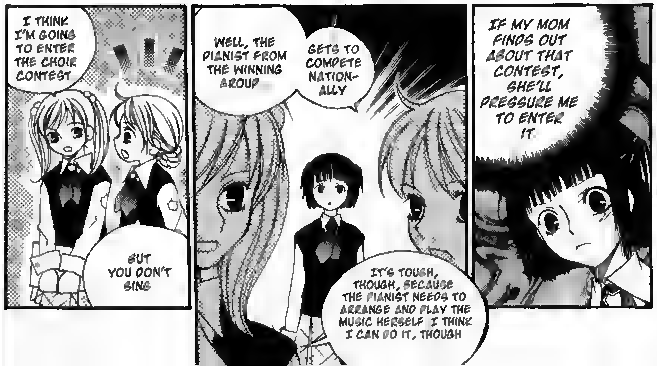
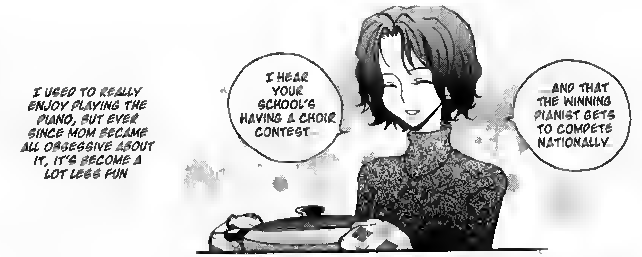
If We Walk Together

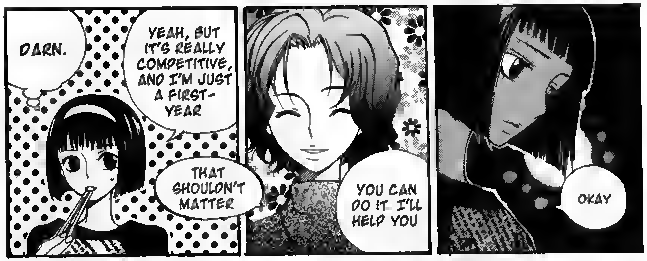
I WAS BORN A SOUTHPAW. A LEFTIE.
SORIM!
NOT WITH YOUR LEFT HAND!
NOW, BE A GOOD GIRL AND USE YOUR RIGHT
YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT I WAS BORN WITH NO HANDS, THE WAY MY MOTHER WOULD REACT.
I NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY IT WAS SUCH A BIG DEAL FOR ME TO USE MY RIGHT HAND. I WAS MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE USING MY LEFT.
HEY, SORIM!
!!

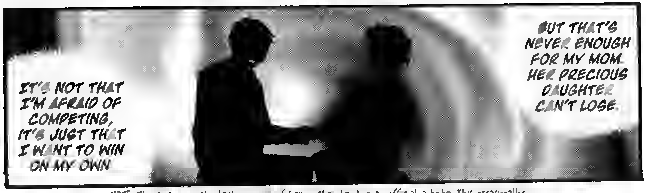
HEY!
IT'S BEEN AWHILE!
I LIKE YOUR UNIFORM
YOU'RE GOING TO SEJIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT?
TITOL TITOL
So, how've you been?
The first lots of brand work
Fine!
IT'S A SHAME YOU WOUND UP AT A DIFFERENT SCHOOL
YEAH
.....
THAT WAS MY MOTHER, TOO
SHE WANTED ME TO STUDY MUSIC, SO SHE ENROLLED ME IN A SCHOOL KNOWN FOR ITS MUSIC PROGRAM
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I WASN'T ALLOWED TO STUDY MUSIC
HAVE YOU MADE A LOT OF NEW FRIENDS?
AH...
NOT REALLY I LIVE TOO FAR AWAY




I THINK I'M GOING TO ENTER THE CHOIR CONTEST
BUT YOU DON'T SING
WELL, THE PIANIST FROM THE WINNING GROUP GETS TO COMPETE NATIONALLY
IT'S TOUGH, THOUGH, BECAUSE THE PIANIST NEEDS TO ARRANGE AND PLAY THE MUSIC HERSELF. I THINK I CAN DO IT, THOUGH
IF MY MOM FINDS OUT ABOUT THAT CONTEST, SHE'LL PRESSURE ME TO ENTER IT


I USED TO REALLY ENJOY PLAYING THE PIANO, BUT EVER SINCE MOM BECAME ALL OBSESSIVE ABOUT IT, IT'S BECOME A LOT LESS FUN
I HEAR YOUR SCHOOL'S HAVING A CHOIR CONTEST
...AND THAT THE WINNING PIANIST GETS TO COMPETE NATIONALLY




IT'S NOT THAT I'M AFRAID OF COMPETING, IT'S JUST THAT I WANT TO WIN ON MY OWN
BUT THAT'S NEVER ENOUGH FOR MY MOM. HER PRECIOUS DAUGHTER CAN'T LOSE.

NOTE: The picture in the background of her mother handing an official a bribe. This occasionally happens in Korean schools when overzealous parents want something extra done for their child.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING HER.
.....
I HEAR THAT HER MOTHER BRIBED THE JUDGES.
I'D BELIEVE IT. SHE'S NOT EVEN THAT GOOD.
DID SHE THINK WE WOULDN'T KNOW? C'MON, IT'S SO OBVIOUS!
I...
I CAN'T DO THIS.

BUT I CAN'T TELL MY PARENTS THAT. THEY'D NEVER LET ME BACK OUT.
I WISH I NEVER LEARNED TO PLAY THE STUPID PIANO!!
CHIMPGIRL

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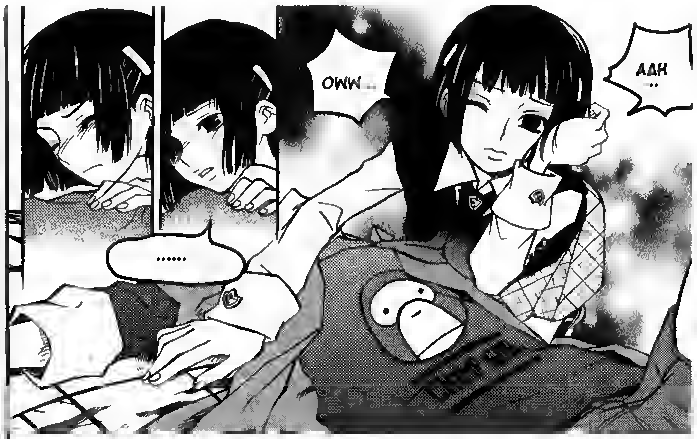
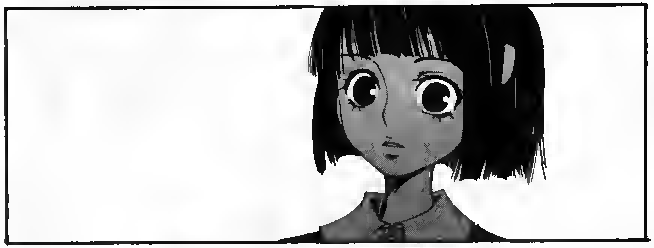
HEY! LOOK OUT !!
WHOOMP!
IF I CAN'T PLAY THE PIANO, I CAN'T COMPETE.

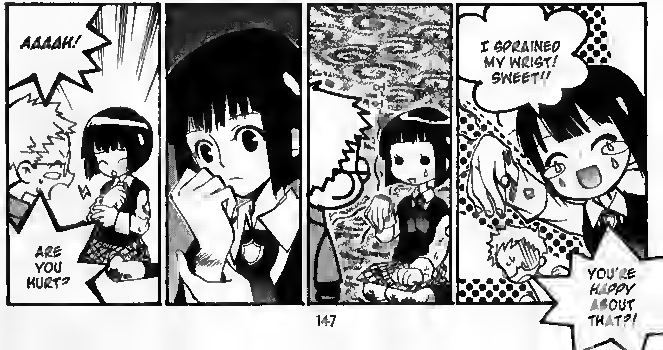

OWW...
.....
AAH..

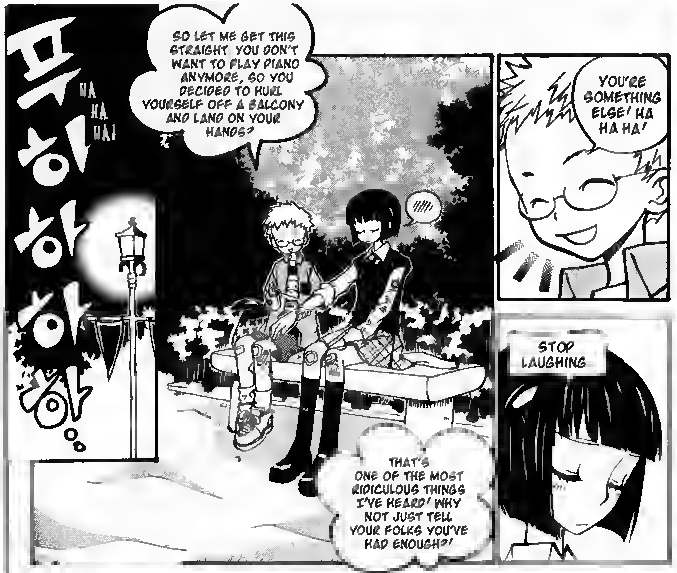
!!
NGH..

!!
ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU'RE GOING TO KILL YOURSELF!
DID YOU RUN UNDER ME ON PURPOSE?
SEEING YOU DIE WOULD'VE GIVEN ME NIGHTMARES
I WASN'T THAT HIGH
YOU WERE HIGH ENOUGH!

THE HUMAN BODY IS VERY FRAGILE!
THAT FALL COULD'VE KILLED YOU! YOU COULD'VE SNAPPED YOUR NECK, OR CRACKED OPEN YOUR SKULL!




AAAAH!
ARE YOU HURT?
I GRAINED MY WRIST! SWEET!!
YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT THAT?!


HA HA HA!
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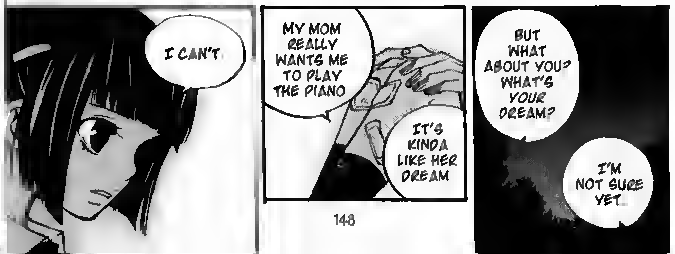
SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOU DON'T WANT TO PLAY PIANO ANYMORE, SO YOU DECIDED TO RUIN YOURSELF OFF A BALCONY AND LAND ON YOUR HANDS?
!!!!
THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST RIDICULOUS THINGS I'VE HEARD! WHY NOT JUST TELL YOUR FOLKS YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH?!
YOU'RE SOMETHING ELSE! HA HA HA!
STOP LAUGHING

WHY NOT
JUST TELL YOUR PARENTS THE TRUTH?


I CAN'T
MY MOM REALLY WANTS ME TO PLAY THE PIANO
IT'S KINDA LIKE HER DREAM
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?
I'M NOT SURE YET.

I USED TO LOVE THINKING ABOUT WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH MY LIFE
MY LIFE WAS AN OPEN ROAD FULL OF FORKS
BUT NOW, IT FEELS LIKE A RAILROAD AND I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW THE PATH THAT'S BEEN LAID OUT FOR ME.

AND ALL THE DREAMS ABOUT THE FUTURE THAT I ONCE HAD HAVE ALL BUT DISAPPEARED

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M TELLING YOU THIS
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME

IT'S JUN
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
ANYHOW, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OKAY. THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT HOME WITHOUT FALLING OFF ANY MORE BALCONIES?
AND IF I WERE YOU...
I'D TELL THEM THE TRUTH. TRUST ME, IT'S ALWAYS WORSE IF YOU DON'T.
I FELL DOWN SOME STAIRS AND SPRAINED MY WRIST
I feel so stupid
I... I DON'T THINK I CAN PLAY IN THE COMPETITION
I HEAR THAT SOEIM'S WITHDRAWING FROM THE CONTEST
REALLY?
YES, THEY'RE CHOOSING A NEW PIANIST
I HEAR SHE SPRAINED HER WRIST. SERVES HER RIGHT
QUIET! SHE'LL HEAR YOU!
???

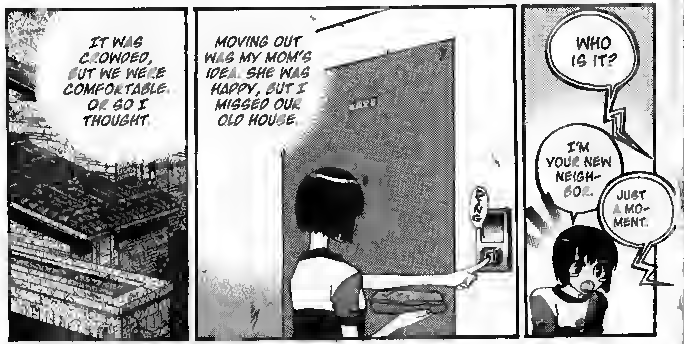
NOT LIKE SHE CAN DO MUCH ABOUT IT. SPRAINED WRIST AND ALL.
CRAZY GIRL PROBABLY DID IT ON PURPOSE
DONGHU!
YOU'RE RIGHT, I DID.
?!
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS OUR CLASS PIANIST. THE ONLY REASON I WAS IS BECAUSE MY MOM BRIBED THE JUDGES.
I DIDN'T WANT TO WIN LIKE THAT
BUT I COULDN'T TELL MY MOM HOW I FELT
AND SO I SPRAINED MY WRIST ON PURPOSE TO GET OUT OF THE COMPETITION.

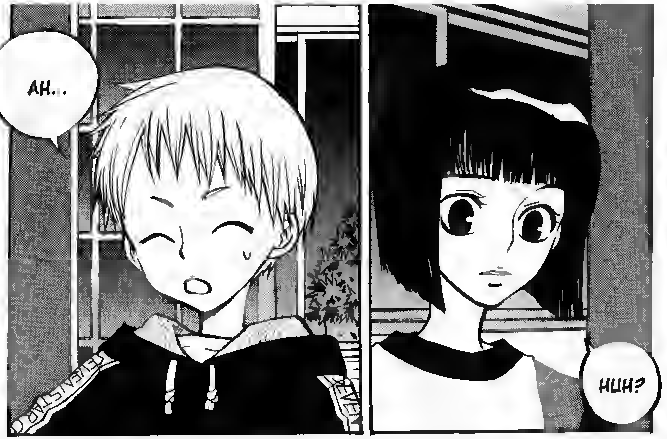
BUT NOW YOU CAN'T PLAY.
I'VE ALWAYS PREFERRED ARRANGING, ANYHOW
.....

SORIM, COULD YOU COME HERE FOR A MOMENT?
SURE, MOM
CLUTTER EXPRESS

I MADE SOME RICE CAKES FOR THE NEIGHBORS. WOULD YOU MIND TAKING THEM OVER FOR ME?
SHE BOUGHT THEM. SHE DIDN'T MAKE THEM
WHAT WAS THAT?
N-NOTHING!!
START WITH APARTMENT 712.
OKAY.

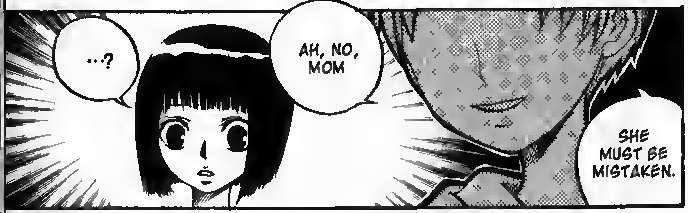
HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR, WE MOVED TO A NEW APARTMENT.
WE HAD BEEN LIVING IN A HOUSE WITH MY GRANDFATHER, MY AUNT AND UNCLE, AND MY COUSINS.


IT WAS CROWDED, BUT WE WERE COMFORTABLE. OR SO I THOUGHT.
MOVING OUT WAS MY MOM'S IDEA. SHE WAS HAPPY, BUT I MISSED OUR OLD HOUSE.
WHO IS IT?
I'M YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR.
JUST A MOMENT.

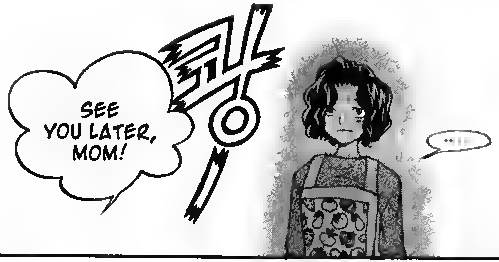

AH...
HUH?

JUN...?

THAT'S YOUR NAME, RIGHT? REMEMBER ME? YOU SAVED ME FROM KILLING MYSELF!
IT WAS ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO. GOD, YOU'VE GROWN!
JUN?
SEIHO, DID YOU...? AGAIN?
...?


...?
AH, NO, MOM
SHE MUST BE MISTAKEN.

YOU'RE OUR NEW NEIGHBOR? OOH! RICE CAKE!
THANKS! WE'LL ENJOY IT
HUH?
WELL, I'M OFF TO STUDY HALL!
EH?
EH?
LET'S GO!
EH?


SEE YOU LATER, MOM!
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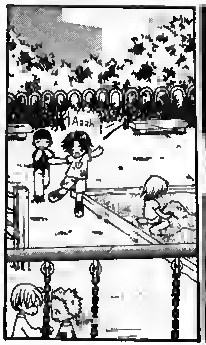
Aaah

I HOPE I DIDN'T STARTLE YOU WHEN I SHOVED YOU OUTSIDE LIKE THAT. SORRY!
.....

NO ..
I WASN'T STARTLED, JUST CONFUSED
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME WAS JUN?
IT'S NOT
WHY?
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE SAID THAT WAS HIS NAME
MY NAME'S SEHO
WTF?
AM I CRAZY? IS HE CRAZY?
HOLD ON! I CAN EXPLAIN.
I, UH OH, GOD
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!

I HAVE MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER.
MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER?! YOU MEAN YOU'RE CRAZY!
THAT'S JUST PERFECT! YOU'RE A LOONY!

AND YOU SAID I WAS THE CRAZY ONE?!
OKAY, CALM DOWN YOU SAY ALL THAT AND YOU'LL HURT HIS FEELINGS
MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES?
Third
YOU SEEM LIKE A NORMAL KID TO ME.
SO IS JUN THE NAME OF YOUR OTHER PERSONALITY?
HMM?
....
SO YOU BELIEVE ME?
HUH?
WHY?! WERE YOU LYING?!
You mean you're crazy after all?!
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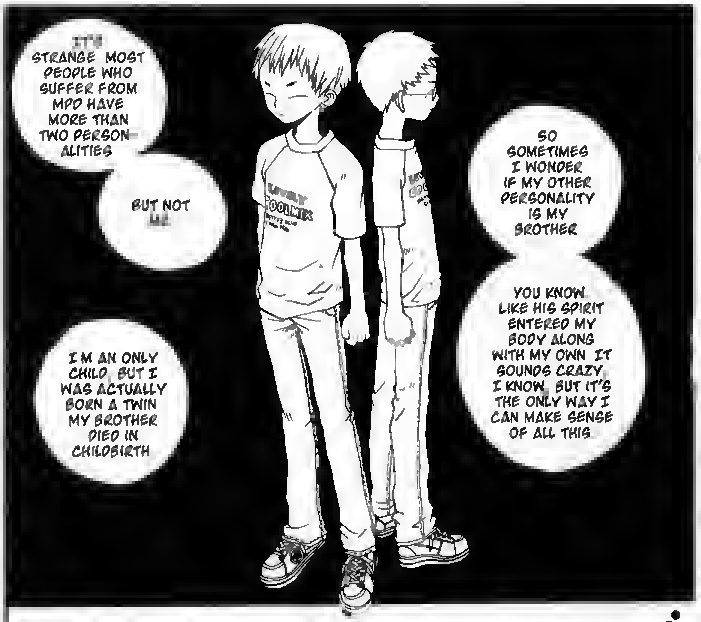
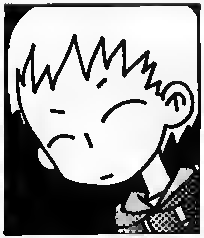
NO
THAT'S NOT IT, BUT ..

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I'VE TOLD THAT TO WHO DION'T START LOOKING AT ME LIKE I WAS SOME SORT OF FREAK
I MEAN, EVEN MY PARENTS THINK I'M CRAZY. WHEN THEY FOUND OUT ..
. THEY PUT ME IN AN INSTITUTION FOR A YEAR
THEY REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT JUN EXISTS. THEY THINK I'M MAKING HIM UP.


IT'S STRANGE. MOST PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM MPD HAVE MORE THAN TWO PERSONALITIES
BUT NOT US
I'M AN ONLY CHILD, BUT I WAS ACTUALLY BORN A TWIN. MY BROTHER DIED IN CHILDBIRTH
SO SOMETIMES I WONDER IF MY OTHER PERSONALITY IS MY BROTHER
YOU KNOW, LIKE HIS SPIRIT ENTERED MY BODY ALONG WITH MY OWN. IT SOUNDS CRAZY, I KNOW, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN MAKE SENSE OF ALL THIS

AAAAAAH...

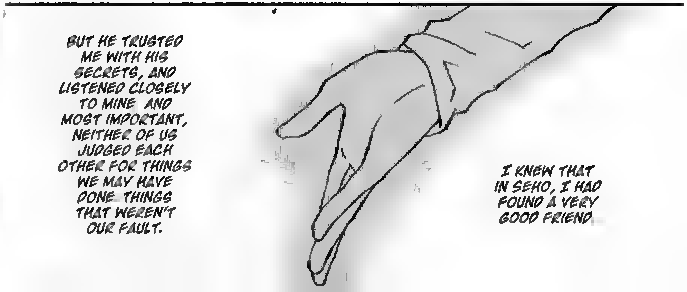


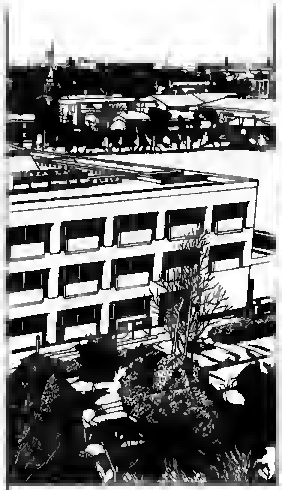
STOP LAUGHING!

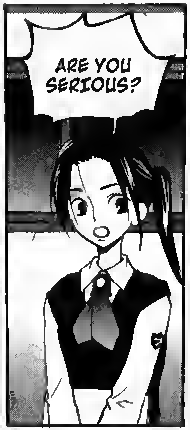
I THINK THAT WAS WHEN I FIRST REALIZED IT.
HE MAY HAVE BEEN YOUNGER THAN ME, AND HE OCCASIONALLY ACTED A BIT STRANGE.

DO YOU STILL BELIEVE ME?

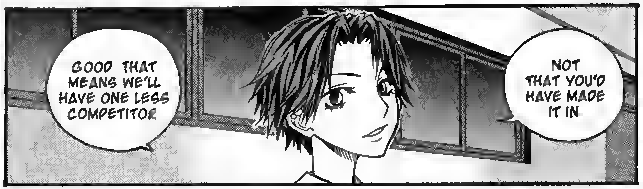
TH-THIS
MUST'VE BEEN REALLY TOUGH--
WAAAH!


BUT HE TRUSTED ME WITH HIS SECRETS, AND LISTENED CLOSELY TO MINE. AND MOST IMPORTANT, NEITHER OF US JUDGED EACH OTHER FOR THINGS WE MAY HAVE DONE. THINGS THAT WEREN'T OUR FAULT.
I KNEW THAT IN SEHO, I HAD FOUND A VERY GOOD FRIEND.

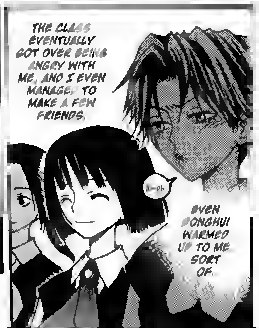


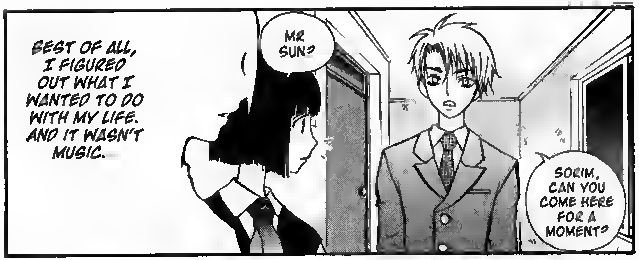

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

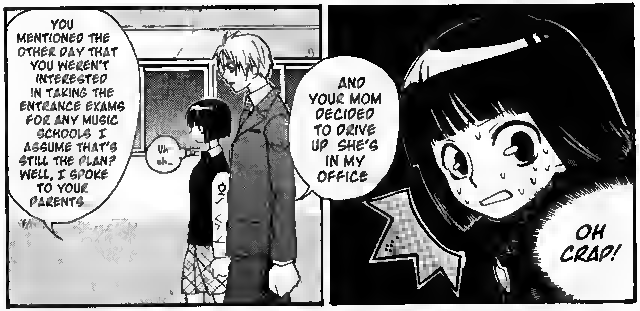
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO A MUSIC SCHOOL?
NOPE. I DON'T WANT A CAREER IN MUSIC. KEEPING IT A HOBBY IS FINE WITH ME


GOOD. THAT MEANS WE'LL HAVE ONE LESS COMPETITOR
NOT THAT YOU'D HAVE MADE IT IN

I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT, DONGKUI.
YEAH, SHE'S LIKE A BROKEN RECORD SOMETIMES.
OKAY, ENOUGH!


THE CLASS EVENTUALLY GOT OVER BEING ANGRY WITH ME, AND I EVEN MANAGED TO MAKE A FEW FRIENDS.
EVEN DONGKUI WARMED UP TO ME SORT OF.


BEST OF ALL, I FIGURED OUT WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH MY LIFE. AND IT WASN'T MUSIC.
MR SUN?
SORIM, CAN YOU COME HERE FOR A MOMENT?

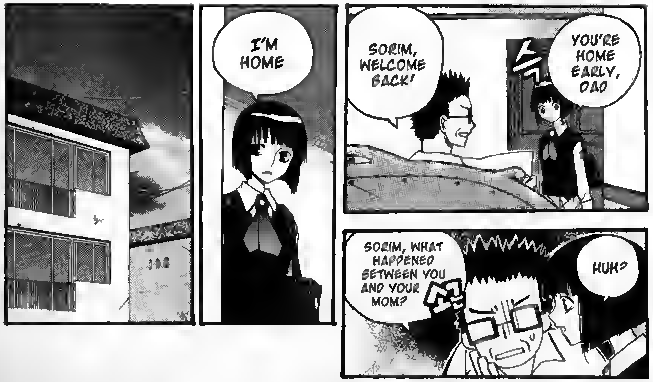

YOU MENTIONED THE OTHER DAY THAT YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED IN TAKING THE ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR ANY MUSIC SCHOOLS. I ASSUME THAT'S STILL THE PLAN? WELL, I SPOKE TO YOUR PARENTS.
Uh-uh...
AND YOUR MOM DECIDED TO DRIVE UP. SHE'S IN MY OFFICE
OH CRAP!

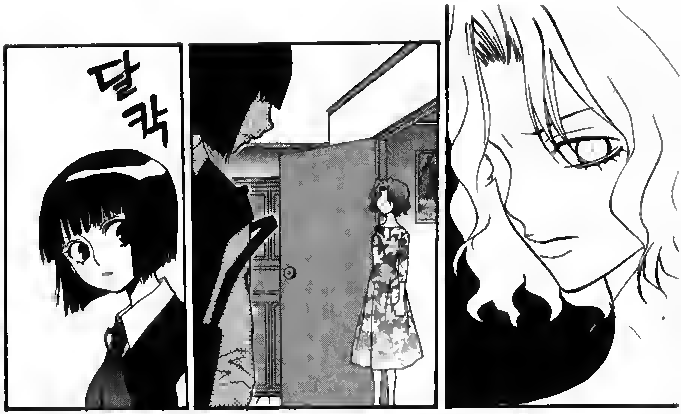
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, MRS. KIM.

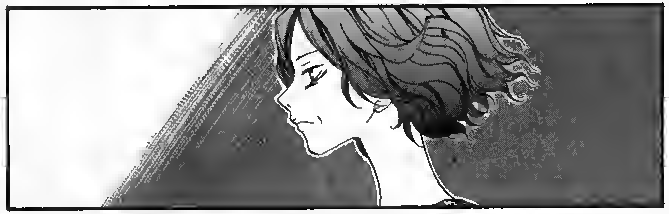
HI, MOM.
SORIM, YOUR TEACHER TOLD ME THE STRANGEST THING TODAY.
MOM...
I'M SORRY.
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO MUSIC SCHOOL.

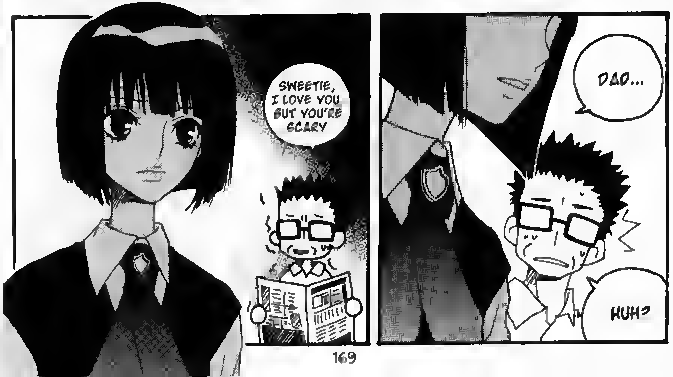
FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, I'VE LIVED MY LIFE EXACTLY HOW YOU WANTED ME TO.
WELL, I'M ALMOST 16 AND I THINK IT'S TIME I STARTED LIVING MY LIFE THE WAY I WANT TO LIVE IT.
I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU MYSELF. AND I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE--

..THAT I WISHED SHE HAD HIT ME INSTEAD.



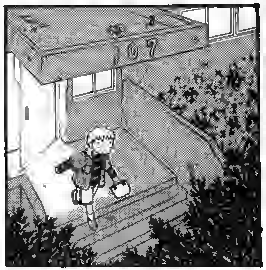






..DO YOU THINK IF I ENROLLED IN MUSIC SCHOOL, MOM WOULD STOP HATING ME?

SEHO, I'M OUT OF TOFU
I'M ON IT



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Sniff!
Sniff!
Sniff!

AAAAGH!
Sniff! Sniff!

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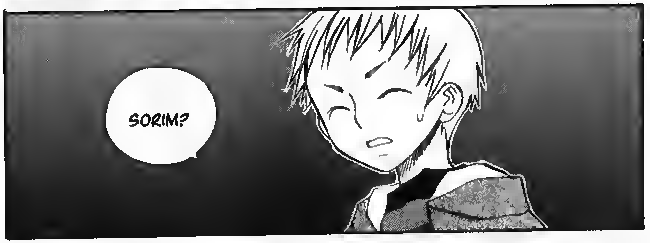
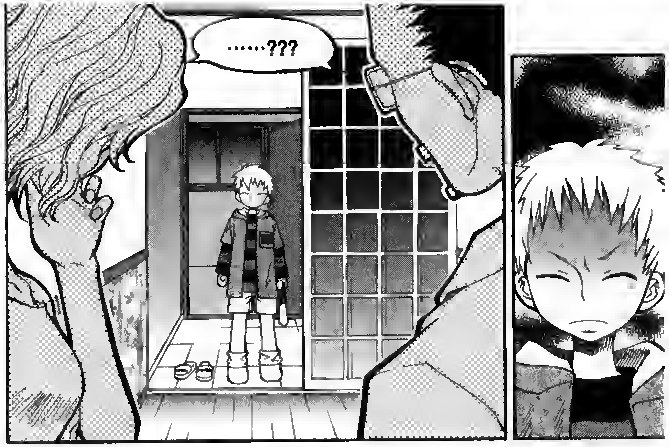
S-SEHO ?


SORIM?

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS YOU AGREED WITH ME

DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I WENT THROUGH...
YES, BUT SHOULDN'T SHE HAVE A SAY?
Uh... Um...
Dad doesn't have much say.
TO GET HER ENROLLED IN THAT MIDDLE SCHOOL? TO MAKE SURE SHE GOT GOLOG IN ALL THE PRODUCTIONS? I FEEL SO BETRAYED.
SORRY, HUN
DING-DONG!
WHOOSH!
EXCUSE ME!
HUH?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WHO ARE YOU?
I LIVE NEXT DOOR IN APARTMENT 712. I'M YOUR NEIGHBOR!

REALLY?
YES, REALLY! BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT! WE HAVE A PROBLEM!
PLEASE HURRY!
IT'S SORIM! SHE'S--

OUR SORIM?
WHAT ABOUT HER?
YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?
YES, WE KNOW EACH OTHER!
IF YOU BOTHERED TALKING TO HER, YOU'D KNOW THAT, AND MAYBE I WOULDN'T BE TELLING YOU THAT SHE WAS JUST IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
!!
I SAW HER OUTSIDE ON MY WAY TO THE STORE
S-SEHO...?
W-WHAT'S WRONG?
Did something happen?
STIFF!
I TOLD MY MOM THAT I TO MUSIC SCHOOL, AND SHE FREAKED OUT
SHE WANTS ME TO BE HER LITTLE PUPPET! AND NOW THAT I WON'T, SHE HATES ME
I'M SURE THAT'S NOT TRUE
SHE'S ANGRY, BUT SHE'LL GET OVER IT. YOU SHOULD TRY TALKING TO HER
SORIM?
THANKS, SEHO.
...BUT I DON'T NEED ADVICE FROM A CRAZY KID

I DON'T NEED ANY OF YOU!
SORIM!
VROOM!
SORIM!!!
HURRY!
SCREEEECH!
HONEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GO GET THE CAR KEYS!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR NUMBER, SO I RAN OVER HERE AS FAST AS I COULD!
O-OKAY! LET'S GO!
WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?! SORIM COULD BE HURT!
HONEY?
GOD, IT'S AS BAD AS SORIM SAID.
YOUR DAUGHTER REALLY IS NOTHING MORE TO YOU THAN A WAY TO RELIVE YOUR CHILDHOOD, ISN'T SHE?
.....
.....!!
YEESUN, DAMMIT, GET THE CAR KEYS.
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M THE ONE WHO'S WRONG HERE!
SORIM'S NOT HURT.
SHE'S RIGHT OVER THERE!

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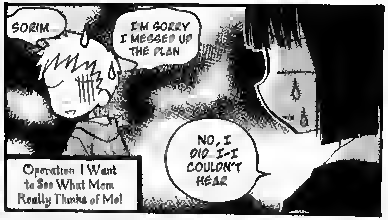
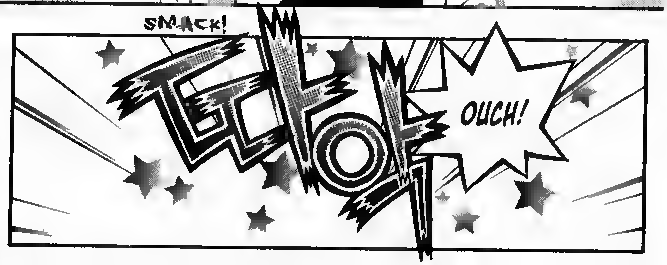
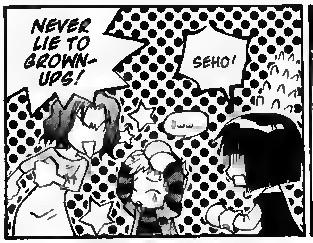
SORIM!


SORIM
I'M SORRY I MESSED UP THE PLAN
NO, I DID. I-I COULDN'T HEAR
Operation I Want to See What Mom Really Thinks of Me!

AND...I DECIDED IT WAS PROBABLY BETTER FOR ME TO JUST ASK HER OUT-RIGHT.


SMACK!
OUCH!


NEVER LIE TO GROWN-UPS!
SEHO!

SORIM!

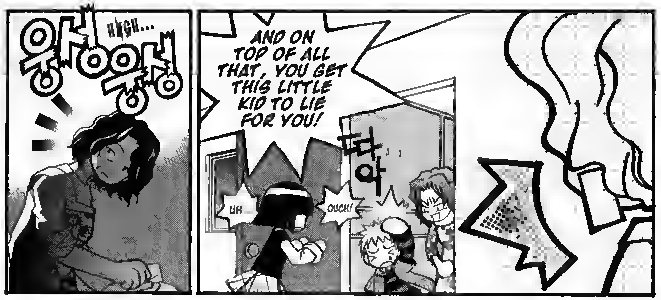
SORIM, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING

YES, MOM.
YOU NEVER, NOT ONCE, TOLD ME THAT YOU HATED PLAYING PIANO, OR THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO MUSIC SCHOOL.
OKAY.
YOU ALWAYS DID EVERYTHING I ASKED WITHOUT RAISING A SINGLE OBJECTION, SO I ASSUMED YOU ENJOYED MUSIC SCHOOL.

I WOULD NEVER FORCE YOU TO DO SOMETHING YOU HATED, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW.
GUILTY

I AM DISAPPOINTED. I THINK YOU COULD BE AN AMAZING PIANIST...
...BUT IT'S YOUR LIFE.

THAT SAID, OF COURSE I'M GOING TO BE UPSET!
I mean, do you know how expensive music school is?! And all those bribes!
SORRY!


HGH...
OH OOK!
AND ON TOP OF ALL THAT, YOU GET THIS LITTLE KID TO LIE FOR YOU!
UH
OUCH!
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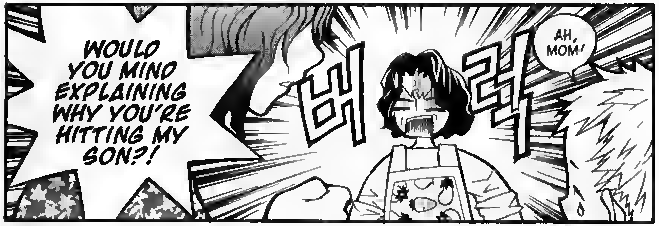
WOULD YOU MIND EXPLAINING WHY YOU'RE HITTING MY SON?!
AH, MOM!
버럭!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU! I DON'T GO AROUND BEATING UP YOUR CHILDREN, DO I?!
WELL YOU SEE
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND, LADY!
I SHOULD CALL THE COPS!
Ack!
WHAT SORT OF ADULT BEATS UP A CHILD?!
MOM, IT'S OKAY!
QUIET, SEKO!

HEH HEH...
THIS MORNING, I FOUND MYSELF THINKING OF WHEN I FIRST MET SEHO
REALLY? WHEN WAS THAT?
WE WERE BOTH PRETTY YOUNG.
THAT'S WEIRD
I WAS THINKING OF THAT, TOO!

YOU WERE ONE OF THE SMARTEST KIDS I HAD EVER MET. YOU STILL ARE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW I EVER WOULD'VE GOTTEN THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL WITHOUT YOU
.....
SORIM...
ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH OF THIS WE'RE IN SOKCHO FOR ONE MORE NIGHT. I SAY WE LIVE IT UP!
I AGREE, YOUNG MASTER!
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WEEK?
I COULD SWEAR WE JUST GOT HERE
Memory spells don't work on him, remember?
AAA

Just make sure you remember to pick up Volume 12! Later!

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WHICH IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE THE NEXT VOLUME OF *FAERIES' LANDING* TAKES PLACE ENTIRELY IN THE PAST. IT'S NOT EVEN THE RECENT PAST, WHICH CAN ALWAYS BE SPUN AS A SORT OF TRENDY RETRO. IT TAKES PLACE IN THE FAR PAST WHEN PEOPLE WORE REALLY WEIRD LEATHER SHIRTS, RODE HORSES RATHER THAN HONDAS AND SHOT ARROWS RATHER THAN SOUL. TRY AS I MIGHT, IT'S HARD TO PUT A HIP SPIN ON A BOOK WHERE THE MOST CONTEMPORARY IMAGE IS A PANEL THAT LOOKS STRANGELY LIKE THE COVER TO LED ZEPPELIN 4 (IT'S ON PAGE 104 IF YOU WANT TO CHECK IT OUT). TRUE, VOLUME 12 ALSO FEATURES A DUDE WITH A WICKED COOL FU MANCHU, BUT HE'S HARDLY MORE THAN A MINOR SUPPORTING CHARACTER.

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